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FURNACE MEN ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

HEAVY DECLINE IN PRODUCTION.

Shortage of Men, Labor and Cars Causes Lessening of Output.

DOWN NEARLY 8,000 TONS

Almost 700 Cars Less Than Previous Week, With Little Prospect in a Better Car Supply—Prices Appear to Be Weaker in All Quarters

A sharp decline in coke operation shipments and prices occurred last week in the trade Much of this was due to a shortage of labor a shortage of cars and a shortage of water 4 5 765 tons of coke we e produced during the week being a decrease o 7 815 over the previous week As compa ed to last week the shipment a gregated 15 035 cars a decrease of 686 cars

Perhaps the most unfavorable condi tions in the history of the coke region prevailed during th week A cruel mountain storm swept over the r gion, keeping men from work at the mines and also at the coke plants and on the railroad trains Traffic was le layed everywhere and cars were shunt ed into sidings and delays of two and three days were experienced The storm really broke Sunday but its ef fects were note ea lier than this The Western cars were held up in that sec tion and on Friday and Saturday of last week there was a severe shortage Instead of getting out the regular pro duction it failed to materialize as a large number of ovens in the region were not drawn The cars for loading were not at hand

Throughout the week the oper tors had labored with a car shortage and a water shortage and when the storm broke over them on Sunday there was something more th n discouragem nt elected But the cle ring light ning, through the clouds was the fact that there was some wat r coming down The storms intensity was a record breaker Three inches fell before Monday of the present week but it has added to the supply in a most wonderful manner and every coke plant operating from surface streams is now in a position to con tinue operations

The labor situation continues bad Workmen re scarce and many are negligent of their duties The big coke plants are attracting many o them The little operators is a con sequence suffer greatly Another fea ture that hurts is the larger operators men is wanton trouble One or two connects with the Pont Tacie or two objective points in the coke re gion to which the workers want to have access Lies Dawson to Connellsville and Uniontown and to Scottdale is the accepted method of trav el The middle work is in the Connellsville region is not favor ite spots on this account for it is nec essary for one to walk miles in some instances before they can con nect with the train or he car an But f reigners to now coming into the coke regions and the oper tors have but little fear of many arriving in time to cre for the 1910 contracts

The price question is still a bone of contention Some operators are hold ing up to $2 while well rowe op erator places the ind ed figur a $2 80 One large operator says that if he wants 40 000 tons a month he can secure it dose to $2 70 for the first half Very little contracting is being done at the present time although there are many in the market for the fuel The furnace men do not pear to know much more than the o erators about the price and this is better evidenced by the large number of buyers now scattered the ation to bargain on spot shipments and con tract. The expect to be an effor to establish the 1 1 price at $2 and hold to him at that figure this week The operators as a rule ar making no effort to sell Many of them have th ir minds set on consumers and expect to be better able to after the first of the year We quote this week

First Class Furnace	$2 50@2 60
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This week Bessemer ores have been a little in the limelight as the servants of the iron and steel oper tors are looking to and to p with more than ordinary pitch and it is feared that there will be too much celebration After put to the week closed up the contract and have been a thing or not one very day Dull not to dull on only a few contracts have been made since the first of the year

The trade on the whole presents a rather complex situation The de mand is here for the fuel The ad vances have been large strides but it is assumed not that they do not have enough to complete their contracts Wh ther the bottom will drop out of the iron market and whether busi ness conditions will continue favor able is a question up to the pr blem ent It makes the coke situation rather doubtful The operators want to get every cent out of every ton of coke they can make They have been pretty heavy losers in the last year and a half and in the last six months some of them have been actually los ing money on contracts made in dull times Like on operator said this week It is almost up to the point of tipping a coin to tell whether we shall take what is offered for a while and wait There is money in the pres ent price but we have been losers and now would like to get a little of that money back to make ends meet

MINING LECTURES ARRIVE.

"Safe Methods in Pillar Drawing First of Series to Be Issued

Manuscripts for the lectures to be distributed among the mining insti tutes of Western Pennsylvania have been received by the Greensburg com mittee of the State Bituminous Min ing Institutes which is now prepared for the institutes in this section of the State These courses are pre pared by the W K Grim dean o the mining department of State Col lege and the arrangement will have it consumated by State Secretary C E Ely formerly four years of undergraduate The manuscripts received deals with the first of the series of lectures and is entitled "Safe Methods of Pillar Drawing" With these lectures will be introduced views illustrating the lectures as

The first lectures will be held for the local institutes in January and he others will follow in rapid succession All the mining men in the county are enthusiastic over this plan of ex ploring the mem ri for mine th dangers of their daily employment A complete college running course is to be covered in the series All the tech nical language is stricken out and the terms used are com with which the men in the mines are familiar thus enabling them to grasp the lessons of the instructors more readily Where the non English speaking miners is con cerned an additional course is em ployed to aid them and put them on the same footing with their English speaking comrades The plan is most complete in the preparation of the men behind the movement is worldwide

The most enthusiastic mine operators in the country are loud in their praise of the project and this is a thing insures the success of the movement At the conclusion of every fourth lecture Dr Crane will be present and give the central mining institute of each district a demonstration and re

NEW WEST VIRGINIA MAP.

Coal Oil Gas and Limestone to Be Treated by Survey

The commissioner of the West Vir ginia Geological survey met in the Gov no office in Charleston Wed nesday The members of the commis sion who were from the State Treasurer Long President Purinton of the University and Director Lewis H Stewart of the Experiment Station

The report of the State Geolo Dr I C White was made the principal ed Dr White's report dealt with the work of the Survey until the annual fiscal adjustment which was ended and approved

A bill was passed authorizing Dr White to publish a new edition of the gas oil coal and limestone map of the State in such a size as to be the most satisfactory The State Geologist was instructed to confer with the United States Geological Survey and secure the cooperation of the Federal government

ASSESSMENTS INCREASE

Greene County Returns Show Heavy Gains in Taxation

WAYNESBURG Dec 16—The as sessor of Center township J L Cra ham has completed the work of mak ing the triennial assessment and dur ing his past three years the valuation of the coal lands in that district has increased over three quarters of a mil lion The valuation was placed at $ while the returns sh ws that the lands were $2 2 7

The total valuation in the re turns with which the Pittsburg river vein of coal The assessor has ever dealt but coal in his new sheet was $ while the old valuation was $ 0 The Center Coal Co with its holdings at Jefferson was assessed at $1 The Jefferson Coal Co with its holdings at Jefferson was assessed at $1 The Pittsburg Coal Co with its holdings at Jefferson was assessed at $1 The Pittsburg Coal Co with its holdings at Jefferson was assessed at $1

Trebled in Valuation

Practically complete returns from Greene county have shown that the

FAITH IN GREENE.

J V Thompson Has Great Holdings Recent Sales

WAYNESBURG Dec 14—Josiah V Thompson the coal king and banker of Uniontown was in Waynesburg to day on court business Mr Thompson was known to most of the people in the county here but few of the times he was around to bank or in court knew he was dep ty sheriff during his short stay in Waynes burg transacted much business

Mr Thompson has implicit faith in the future development of Greene county and was one of the first men in the county to buy coal land and real that much is his court He first coal he purchased was sold at $ per acre and some $1 per acre and some even more than that for The last in vestment was said to be at $ so At the present time Mr Thom p owns a great deal of the coal in the county and has other individual in the public county treasurer H Sayer shows $ 000 in taxes on the paper held with the county This amount does not include the coal in the Pittsburg Coal Co which has its offices in Uniontown but has its interests in other parts of the county

Among the sales in this section of record are the following Matilda Morris et al to Jesse Morris et al 1 acres in Jefferson township $ Mary E Hoffman et al to Wilson Hoffman et al 1 acres in Jefferson township $ Peter Wilhelm et al to Mary Ann Wilhelm

WESTERN MARYLAND SHOPS WILL BE LOCATED ON WEST SIDE.

Attorney and Big Stockholder in Road Makes Positive Statement of Construction Into Connellsville.

CONTRACTS SOON TO BE LET

Says If Trackage Arrangements Can Not Be Made With Lake Erie Money Is Assured For Building Direct Into Pittsburg

OAKLAND Md Dec 15—The Western Maryland railroad extension is to be built from Cumberland to the West Side Connellsville just as soon as contracts for the construction can be let Shops of the company and a terminal are to be located on the West Side The money has been subscribed $15 000 000 to start with for the construction of the road from Cumberland to Connellsville and $25 000 000 in it is necessary for the Western Maryland to build from Connellsville to Pittsburg in case traffic and trackage arrangements are not made with the Pittsburg & Lake Erie company These statements were made to The Courier correspondent here this morning by W A Dolb an attorney and large stockholder in the Western Maryland He said

You can say absolutely that the Western Maryland will be built from Cumberland to Connellsville and thence to Pittsburg either over the Lake Erie tracks or over its own rails The name of the company will likely be changed That is the road between Cumberland and Pittsburg will be operated under no net name than that of the Western Maryland all the money necessary for our invasion of the Pittsburg district has been subscribed and is ready for immediate use The Rockefeller interests are behind this latest railroad promotion in Western Pennsylvania

All details for letting of the contracts for construction are being closed up now Work is to be started just as soon as possible The construction will be well under way the coming summer Shops and terminal facilities will be located at Connellsville in New Haven or the West Side as it is called now You can make it as positive as you please that the plans of the Western Maryland are not tentative There will be no hitch or delay The Pittsburg district offers a great field for another outlet to the seaboard The railroads at no time have been able to handle freight tonnage arising and passing through Pittsburg in an adequate and prompt manner There will always be room for another railroad. We have assurances that it will be welcomed

No trouble is anticipated in arranging with the Lake Erie for track privileges between Connellsville and Pittsburg but if the Western Maryland has to its own line will be built at once direct into the Smoky City

DRILLING FOR GAS

And Oil in Coal Districts is Dangerous Proposition

A question the importance of which is of great magnitude faces coal operators and oil and gas developers alike in the Fairmont and other regions It is regarding the wells being put down through coal fields Locally no trouble has resulted from the puncturing of the coal veins but there is no telling at what time lives of miners and coal property may be seriously jeopardized by such development

The Shannon field is right in the heart of the Fairmont region and nearly all of the wells that have been put down have gone through the coal seams However the operators and the oil men have been in perfect accord the latter placing their rigs on spots where the workings of the mines were were not injured Engineers from the coal companies have in nearly all of the cases assisted in the locations of the wells

The great danger however lies in the possible escape of natural gas in the workings of the mines A leak which might go undetected for a number of hours is liable to prove fatal even if the ventilation system is of the best

In West Virginia the proposition is practically new and there is no law governing it In Pennsylvania and other States cases of friction between the interests have arisen and much litigation has been the result

West Virginia coal men will take the matter up this week at a meeting of the State Mine Institute which will be held in Huntingdon Division Engineer L B Moore of the Consolidation Coal Company will read a paper which asks what is to be done with the oil and gas wells drilled on coal properties and it is predicted that its discussion will bring forth many remedies The matter is of great importance especially in the Fairmont region and the findings of the coal experts will be read with interest by those engaged in the two vocations in this section

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Tenth Regiment May Be Split Under Dick Bill Provisions.

At the present time there is much speculation concerning the reorganization of the National Guard of Pennsylvania which by virtue of the Dick Bill passed in 1907 must be completed by the latter part of January 1910 There will be many changes in the Guard and the Second Brigade will lose one regiment For several years it has puzzled the most brainy statesmans as to what the change will be but as yet nothing definite is known

Several rumors have been advanced one of which is that the second battalion of the Tenth regiment consisting of Company A Monongahela B New Brighton H Washington and K Waynesburg will be transferred to the Fourteenth regiment with headquarters in Pittsburg making that a full company regiment while the other battalion of the Tenth Greensburg C Uniontown D Connellsville and E Mount Pleasant will be consolidated with the eight companies of the Fifth regiment and called the Tenth under Col Richard Collier

This is one theory while another is that the Tenth will be left as it is and take four companies of the Fifth while the other four companies go to the Fourteenth This is only a matter of conjecture and the official announcement of the change is awaited with interest by all military men and many others The Eighteenth and Sixteenth regiments are at present 12 company regiments and one of the other three will be disbanded to make four full regiments

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Dec. 11, 1909.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P O Address
261	261	Acme	W J Rainey	New York N Y
98	98	Acme	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown
270	270	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
252	252	Alverton No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
104	104	Alverton No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
90	10	Atlas No 1	Cambria Steel Co	Dunbar
397	360	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
182	182	Beatty	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
120	50	Bethany	Majestic Coke Co	Uniontown
300	300	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
97	97	Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co	Uniontown
120	120	Beyer	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
216	160	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30	30	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt Pleasant
260	260	Cramer	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
57	54	Carbon	Keystone Coal & Coke Co	Greensburg
72	72	Carolyn	Penelope Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
54	54	Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
108	30	Clarissa	James Cochran Sons Co	Dawson
120	120	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
235	235	Continental No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
260	260	Continental No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
333	333	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40		Dexter	J R Stauffer & Co	Scottdale
230	230	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	40	Dunn	Dunn-Connellsville Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Eben No 1	Whitsel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	0	Ellen No 2	Whitsel Coke Co	Uniontown
80	80	Elizabeth	Unit Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
218	218	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York N Y
45		Enterprise	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
186	126	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York N Y
76		Foundry	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Franklin	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
166		Frick	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
408	102	Grace	W J Rainey	New York N Y
472	272	Heela No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
560	450	Heela No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Heela No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Hester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
120	80	Henry Clay	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		Home	Stauffer & Wiley	Scottdale
355	355	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
100	100	Humphrey	Beaver Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20	20	Junction	Maretta Garrier Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
306	306	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
600	600	Leisenring No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	500	Leisenring No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
504	450	Leisenring No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
308	308	Lemont	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	227	Lemont No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
240	240	Lemont No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20	20	Little Sunshine	Kinz Coke Co	Uniontown
82	82	Lotta	Colville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
45	45	Madison	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	40	Magee	Magee Coke Co	Uniontown
208	208	Mahoning	Cambria Steel Co	Dunbar
510	450	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30	30	Marion	Marion Coke Co	Orell Pa
46	46	Marthabel	Northern Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
165	165	Morgan	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
220	220	Mt Braddock	W J Rainey	New York N Y
160	160	Mt Pleasant	Mt Pleasant Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg Pa
40	40	Mullen	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
195	195	Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
32	32	Myers	Brownfield Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
329	329	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
252	252	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
228	228	Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
480	480	Oliver No 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
205	80	Painter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
480	362	Paul	W J Rainey	New York N Y
72		Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co	Pennsville
50		Percy	Percy Mining Co	Percy
400	100	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
196	62	Rainey	W J Rainey	New York N Y
44	44	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	400	Revere	W J Rainey	New York N Y
90	36	Sapper	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
110	110	Semet Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
4		Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
90	36	Sharey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
448	448	Sheaf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
482	270	Southwest No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Southwest No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
190	190	Southwest No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
151	120	Southwest No 4	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
6	61	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros	Dawson
160	80	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		Sterling No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	113	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
121	24	Summit	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	0	Thomas	Whitsel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	49	Top Top	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
464	464	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
32		Tyrone	American Coal Mining Co	Pittsburg
61	61	Union	W J Rainey	New York N Y
350	250	United	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
254	150	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	80	Veteran	Veteran Coke Co	Greensburg
200	100	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
54	54	Whitney	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
240	200	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
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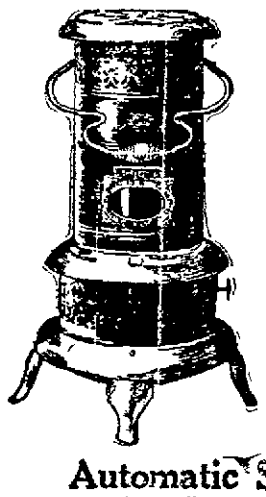

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ANOTHER COKE PLANT IS PLANNED.

Connellsville, Greensburg and Scottdale Men in the Deal.

BUY COAL AND THE SURFACE

Will Build a Plant at Yukon on New Branch of Pennsylvania Railroad to Develop a Large Acreage—Tests Prove Value of Coal.

Connellsville Scottdale and Greensburg capitalists have just consummated a deal whereby they come into possession of a 360 acre tract in the big Sewickley valley. Besides the coal acreage the deal includes 140 acres of surface land upon which will be erected 200 ovens the contract having been placed so that the ovens will be making coke by May.

Those interested in the deal are Dr. Thomas and Attorney Boucher of Greensburg, J. A. Stauffer and William Waugeman, Scottdale. Samuel Cummings and M. B. Brooke of Connellsville. The deal has been on for some time but all the records were not closed up until in the past few days.

The plant will be located near the new town of Yukon in Westmoreland county. The development at this section has been most rapid and promises to continue now that the Pennsylvania lines have begun to tend to the coal tracts in that territory. Recently S. J. Harry, the contractor has placed a number of test holes in the section and the results from the have been satisfactory. The coal taken from the territory has made it sufficiently worth while to the owners to give them the coking, deal and the ovens will be erected at once. Several drift mines have already been opened in that section and the coal from these it is said produce excellent coke. Application to the incorporation of a company will be made immediately.

DIRECTORS CHOSEN AT STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Outlook for a Prosperous Year For C. M. & C. Company Is Good.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Connellsville Machine & Car Company, all the old officers were re-elected. The following directors were chosen: James McGrath, W. J. Rowan, J. W. Ralston, W. E. Sorsson, D. L. P. McCormick and F. N. Sierrick.

The following officers were selected at a meeting of the Directors last night: James McGrath, President; Charles Dickson, Vice President; J. W. Ralston, Secretary and Treasurer.

Reports of the business transacted were made and the stockholders were pleased with the showing made. Orders on the books for the coming year will be one of the largest in the history of the company. The company's plant is now in the best condition possible and a record run during 1910 is anticipated.

COAL CARS BLOWN FROM TRACK ON WAY TO OVENS

Mountain Storm at Smithfield Was Unusually Severe—Two Plants Shut Down.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 14.—A heavy mountain storm, the first and worst of the season, raged here Sunday night and all day Monday. The Penn and Wharton coke companies were both put out of commission Monday. The Penn companies could not get the coal to the ovens. The wind blew wagons on the inclines as soon as they came out of the mine.

Shingles, shutters or anything that was loose about buildings were sent sailing in the opposite direction from when the wind blew, which was from the southeast. This was about as hard a blow as ever experienced here.

Trolley System for Orient.

It is the intention of the order of Improvement to put the Coal Hill properties in Mount Washington from there out to the Pittsburgh and Birmingham, to be extended through Wayne Junction to Pittsburgh and hence to Pittsburg.

BIG CHRISTMAS PAY.

Coke Companies and Others Will Distribute Large Amounts.

Pay roll clerks of the H. C. Frick Coke Company are busy at work checking up the pay of every employe. The usual custom of paying every man of the company on December 24 for all his work is to be carried out this year. In the past 10 years the company has never failed to pay its employes up until the last minute of their working time, as prior to Christmas and this year there will be no exception.

Every man in the employ of the company will receive on the day before Christmas all his money. It is an exceptionally hard job to get the rolls completed and the clerks have been working overtime in order to keep the accounts cheeked up.

When it is considered that there are 9,000 employes and almost every one of them making different salaries and that all of these will have to be checked upon the books and the money placed in envelopes, some magnitude of the task is apparent.

Companies that will be paying out large sums are the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the H. C. Frick Coke Company, the Connellsville Machine & Car Company, the Connellsville Manufacturing & Mine Supply Company, Bovis Porter & Company, the American Sheet & Tinplate Company, the Scottdale and a great number of smaller corporations. In some quarters it is stated that half a million dollars will be paid prior to Christmas day.

OPEN MILLGROVE COAL

One Thousand Acres of Six Foot Vein To Be Mined.

Preparations for the opening of the historic old Millgrove coal property, which for many years supplied the Pittsburg market with coal, are now under way. This property is owned by Pittsburg capitalists who intend the building of a tramway or steam railroad.

On Monday it was announced that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had purchased one thousand acres of the Millgrove coal. The coal is to be mined and ready for shipment by the first of next year. Said the Pittsburg paper: "The new town will likely be situated on the new West Newton branch of the West Penn railroad, which is now being built from Larimer to the Middle Crowford Burner plant, Robertson Mill station."

COKE PLANTS RELIEVED

Rain Sunday Night Helped Out Operators Monday.

The storm had one good effect in Fayette county, that is, on the coke plant, especially in the Connellsville region, for the time it ran still and the ovens were fired, the storm Sunday was a welcome one.

The storm now set brought in a fair supply of water in the streams and the operators hurried to their still reservoirs. The Youghiogheny river rose several inches as a result of the rain.

Much Coal for South.

A coal boat stage in the river will contain 1,000 bushels and will be rushed to Southern ports.

FREIGHT RATES

On Coke From the Connellsville Region as Quoted by Railroad.

Akron, O.	85
Alton,	
Peoria, Ill.	
Joliet, Ill.	1
Bloomington, Ill.	
Joliet, Ill.	
Lowell, N. Y.	1
Gary, Ind.	
Chicago, Ill.	80
Gary, Ind.	
Chicago, Ill.	90
Clinton, Ill.	
Chicago, Ill.	90
Davenport, Ia.	
Des Moines, Ia.	
Fort Scott, Kan.	85
Joliet, Ill.	85
Joliet, Ill.	
Fort Wayne, Ind.	80
Gary, Ind.	
Hammond, Ind.	85
Indianapolis, Ind.	
Rochester, N. Y.	1
Buffalo, N. Y.	
Lockport, N. Y.	1
Louisville, Ky.	
Madison, Wis.	
Milwaukee, Wis.	
Minneapolis, Minn.	
Michigan City, Ind.	
Newark,	
Oil City, Pa.	
Peoria, Ill.	
Pittsburg,	
Plymouth, Ind.	
Richmond, Ind.	
Shelby, O.	
Sharon, Pa.	
West Superior, Wis.	
Stanley, N.	
Syracuse, N. Y.	
Terre Haute, Ind.	

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The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Dec. 11, 1909

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operator	P. O. Address
40	1	Alah	Alah Coke Company	Monongahela
29		Anna	Keffer & Wilkinson Coke Co.	Uniontown
50		Annandale	[illegible] R. Carothers	Uniontown
100		Atchison	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Dawson
50		Bessemer	Bessemer Realty Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
150		Bridgeport	[illegible] Coke Co.	Connellsville
40	4	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co.	Brier Hill
50		Brownfield	Brownfield Coke Co.	Uniontown
50		Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Brownsville
65		Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
4		Burchfield	Smith & Coleman Coke Co.	Scottdale
9		Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
100		Champion	Champion Consolidated Coke Co.	Dawson
200		Chisman	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
60		Colonial No. 1	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30		Colonial No. 2	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100		Colonial No. 3	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200		Crystal No. 1	Frick Coke & Coal Co.	Connellsville
150		Crystal	Smith & Coleman Coke Co.	Scottdale
200		Dexter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Broadford
100		Diamond No. 1	Connellsville Consolidated Coke Co.	Uniontown
200		Donnell No. 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Dawson
50		Dunbar	Frick Coke Co.	Broadford
44		Dorothy	Jacob Rupp Coke Co.	Uniontown
85		Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
400		Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150		Elba	W. Hershberger & Sons	Uniontown
50		Fairchance	Smith & Coleman Coke Co.	Smithfield
200		Fairfield	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Broadford
100		Fairview No. 1	Connellsville Consolidated Coke Co.	Uniontown
200		Fairview No. 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Dawson
50		Fairview	Frick Coke Co.	Broadford
44		Fayette	Jacob Rupp Coke Co.	Uniontown
85		Fayette	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
400		Fayette	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150		Filbert	W. Hershberger & Sons	Uniontown
50		Fort Hill	Smith & Coleman Coke Co.	Smithfield
200		Foundation	Frick Coke Co.	Broadford
100		Franklin	Connellsville Consolidated Coke Co.	Uniontown
200		Franklin	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Dawson
50		Frick	Frick Coke Co.	Broadford
44		Frick	Jacob Rupp Coke Co.	Uniontown
85		Frick	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
400		Frick

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THE COKE MERGER AND THE PITTSBURG BANKS.

The secret history of the proposed coke region merger may or may not be written but the guesses which have been made concerning it have been pretty good

A correspondent of the New York Coal Trade Journal gives inside information to the effect that the Pittsburg banks stopped the deal for the reason that its consummation would have transferred all the coke region banking business to New York. The story is probably more interesting than accurate

The Pittsburg banks do not now do all the banking business of the independent operators of the Connellsville region. Much of it is done through the banks of the Connellsville region where possibly all of it should be done. If the merger had succeeded a certain amount of the business would have continued to be done through the Connellsville Uniontown and Pittsburg banks

Besides the interest of the Pittsburg banks in the Connellsville independent coking operations were not sufficiently strong at any time to dictate the course of the merger

CONNELLSVILLE'S GUARANTY FUND

The Chamber of Commerce is starting out in a manner that gives promise of success. It is doing a minimum amount of talking and a maximum amount of work. It is moving slowly, but always forward. It has taken no backward step. It is content to progress, if ever so little, but to retrogress never. It is treading on firm ground

The chief trouble with former bodies of this kind was that the enthusiasm flared up in flamboyant oratory, flickered in the face of requests for substantial pledges and died out upon demand for specific performance. What the present association wants is the work that is backed by the dollar, not the sound of the voice.

The association is officered by substantial business men who are believed to have the best interests of the town at heart and who are not afraid to work. In such hands the Chamber of Commerce cannot fail.

The decision of the Board of Directors to raise a Guaranty Fund under the Williamsport plan is an evidence of their determination to put the association on a business footing as promptly as possible.

The Williamsport plan has been fully explained in these columns and it is the duty and should be the desire of every substantial citizen of Connellsville having business and property interests here to subscribe equitably to this fund. Such a subscription does not necessarily mean the payment of any money, but it means that each subscriber is willing to assume his fair share of responsibility in the work of pushing business and promoting values.

The trouble with Connellsville hitherto has been that everybody stood back expecting his neighbor to put his shoulder to the wheel with the result that nobody pushed. The present plan aims to get everybody to push and push fair.

THE OPEN SHOP SPELLS PROSPERITY.

The semi-official announcement that the Shiro mill will start up next month is welcome news to Connellsville. It means that practically all of our industries will be running with the advent of 1910 and that prosperity will have returned to the town and the people.

The mills will operate on the Open Shop policy. They were closed down on a contrary policy. The discussion of this question is a delicate matter with some of our business men, and they would sooner dodge it. It is just as delicate with us, but this is no time to shirk.

We repeat, therefore, what we have already stated, that the Open Shop rule is the only fair rule, and it is the *only rule which will* spell prosperity, the only rule which the people as a whole can afford to countenance.

We would rather be Right than President of the Union.

THE SINGLE TAX NO TAX AT ALL

The Johnstown Democrat whose brilliant and versatile editor worships Colonel Bryan and holds his deliverances as sacred as Holy Writ, is also an ardent supporter of Henry George's Single Tax dogma. Replying to our suggestion that if all the coal lands were subject to the Single Tax and their development became necessary to the preservation of their value the coal market would become so glutted that there would not be any price for the product and the coal men would be ruined to say nothing of the profligate waste of our greatest natural resource, Editor Bailey says.

> Apparently it has not occurred to the Courier that the coal would remain in the ground whether it was taxed or not. It would still be available when needed. The taxation of land values would not mean the immediate development of all coal opportunities actually needed and it would make it undesirable to forestall the future as the Pittsburg Coal Company and other corporations have done.
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> It is not as a producer of coal that *the Pittsburg Coal Company expects* to reap a golden harvest. It is rather as a speculator in the value of coal opportunities. It has bought up coal lands a hundred years in advance of present needs. It has done this partly as a protection to itself against the system. If it did not monopolize these opportunities some one else would and it might become the victim rather than the beneficiary of the increment which the future must develop. Were the Single Tax in operation the Pittsburg Coal Company would old only such coal lands as it required for immediate development and no rival would step in ahead of it to cut off its resources.

The hard condition with which the Courier believes the Single Tax colliides in this example is one which of course could not exist save under a system which the Single Tax is intended to abolish. Like many other critics of the Single Tax on Connellsville contemporary too often forgets that it would dispose of the very things which are brought up as triumphant demonstrations of its inadequacy, its injustice or its unworkability.

The trouble with the Single Tax theorists is that they would with one fell swoop overturn established institutions and sandbag vested interests. In their haste to exalt the rights of one class they would trample upon the rights of another. They bawl for reform but offer no remedy for its accomplishment with intelligence and integrity.

The Single Tax theory is impossible for the reason that it would eliminate taxation. It proposes to tax only unimproved property. If we could by any means return to such a primitive state as to release all unimproved lands, and permit them to become once more wild and waste there would under the Single Tax proposition be no influencement to acquire them. They would remain nobody's property and as such not taxable. Improved property on the other hand would not be taxed because of its improvement. There would be little or no revenue from either and consequently nothing for the expenses of public administration.

Of all the vague and visionary theories the Single Tax is perhaps the most impracticable.

GAMBLING AND GIFT GIFTING

The Connellsville crusade against gambling threatens to break into the privacy of the home and wrest rudely from the hands of fair women the customary trivial prizes given by hostesses at social bridge parties.

The officials who lend themselves to any proceeding of this kind may burn their fingers.

There is a sight of difference between gamoling and gift giving. The gambler stakes his money against the chance of winning more money. The prizes given at bridge parties are gifts from the hostess. There is no hazard and staked against the latter. They are not necessary to the game. They are voluntary offerings. They do not all go to the winners. In fact, the losers are remembered in consolation prizes and the visitors are especially considered in their own class.

The threat to invade the household and annoy decent people because of a demand for the enforcement of the law against gambling smacks too much of petty revenge and not enough of public service, too much of peevish malice and not enough of public virtue, too much of puny retaliation and not enough of public morals.

While we must conclude that the giving of prizes at card parties is an inalienable right and does not transgress any law, we also think that the custom should not be permitted to grow into extravagance. The prizes should be simple and inexpensive, otherwise their giving becomes a burden and striving for them arouses cupidity and makes a sordid atmosphere where there should be nothing but the pure sunshine of happiness.

The card game that is played for gain, the game "where friendship ceases" the game of hazard wherein one may lose more than he or she can afford to lose, is against public morals and contrary to public enactment the game that is played for amusement, the game that rises no higher than the gifts of the hostess not sinks no lower than social pleasure, is an innocent and harmless diversion, and is nowhere forbidden by law.

THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL NATURAL GAS BUSINESS.

The announcement that the Fayette County Gas Company has shut off the natural gas supplies from all manufacturing concerns from Uniontown northward to the end of its system is accompanied by the statement that the company has sold a couple of its Greene county gas wells to Point Marion manufacturers.

The protection of the domestic consumer was proper and businesslike. His patronage is much more valuable than that of the mills and factories, because he pays a much higher rate but *by the same token* it is difficult for the average observer to understand why the gas company should sell any of its Pennsylvania producing wells in the face of a threatened special and crushing taxation of gas production by the West Virginia authorities save on the hypothesis that the Point Marion manufacturers paid a liberal price for what they got.

The latter point will be determined by experience.

OLD-FASHIONED AND MODERN RELIGION.

In a recent sermon Evangelist Henry Ostrom is reported to have referred to the "old fashioned" religion as "a religion broad enough to embrace all sorts of people of all sorts of opinions, and not too narrow to allow intelligent men the right to think for themselves."

With due respect to the eloquent evangelist we think the religion he pleads for is the modern rather than the old fashioned religion. The old fashioned Christian religion like most other old fashioned religions was not broad enough to embrace all sorts of opinions, nor liberal enough to allow intelligent men to think for themselves. The priests of the pagan religions arrogated to themselves alone the right to think and the dignitaries of the Christian church in some degree followed their example in the past. The finite intelligence of the infinite commanded the people in the present, it must persuade them. Where ignorance reigned intelligence rules.

The old fashioned Christian religion was often blackbound and short sighted cruel and unchristian. It was too frequently a religion of Doctrine rather than of Dedication or Profession rather than of Practise of Faith rather than of Works, of Creed rather than of Christ.

The Christian religion of today is infinitely broader and more Christ like than it was in the Dark Ages or even a century ago. The present evangelism in Connellsville is a proof of this fact. We behold the pastors of the different denominations joined together in the good work instead of hurling anathemas at each other. The evangelists fill their pulpits the exchange pulpits with each other's members attend other churches. Christian charity that is so sadly the exception at tolerance has become common to the Christian churches of Connellsville. The servants of the Lord are contented to save rather than to proselyte. Sectarianism bows to the Savior.

History tells us in its passionate periods that more blood has been shed in the name of religion than in any other cause and from its impartial pages we have undeniable evidence that the fratricidal fanaticism of the past has been replaced by a broad Christian spirit which recognizes one God but many pathways thereto and which is not inclined to quarrel with universe minded so long as good results are obtained therefrom.

What Doctor Ostrom probably meant was that the religious zeal and fervor of the past though hampered by man made rules and doctrines hailed by mortal confessions of faith and poisoned by the fangs of fanaticism, were more sincere and earnest than much of our modern religion with its half hearted lip service.

Faith without Works is dead and Profession without Practise is mockery.

THE PRIMARY LAW AND POLITICAL JOKERS

A gay and festive citizen of New York has been convicted and sent to the penitentiary for having violated the primary law in voting the ticket of a party with which he was not affiliated. He explained to the judge that he cast the vote just as a joke. The joke was on him.

This little joke has been extensively played in Fayette and the neighboring counties in recent years and while it has not resulted seriously for the more or less facetious individuals who voted for fun or for something more substantial there is a growing disposition to make the joke unpopular in politics. It will hereafter probably be safer for Republicans and Democrats to vote their own party tickets at the primaries and abstain from joking with the primary law.

We make no specific charges against anybody and have no specific proofs to offer in support of the assertion that we have a number of political jokers of this kind in this section of Pennsylvania but we do not believe the statement will be contradicted, because it is generally admitted and the election returns are themselves conclusive proof of the fact.

In justice to many voters it may be said that hitherto there has been a widespread idea that the voter held a right to vote either primary ticket just as he has a right to vote either ticket at the general election. It has been a persistent notion that the voter had a right to vote a particular party ticket regardless of his former party standing if he honestly intended to support the candidates or candidates of his primary choice if they were nominated.

But this is not the law and the sooner it is generally understood the better it will perhaps be for everybody.

THE CONGRESSIONAL SYSTEM AND ITS REPRENTATIVES

John M. Reynolds of Bedford county has refused to run again for Congress. The decision is unfortunate for the district. Congressman Reynolds was *an efficient member because of* his ability and experience as well as his seniority in service.

Under the Congressional system the longer a Senator or Representative remains in the Congress the further he advances in committee standing the more potent he becomes in fashioning legislation and the greater his ability to serve the needs of his district.

The system is defended on the ground that it is necessary to the work of the Congress to have experienced men on the committees, and it is attacked on the score that it advances mediocre men and keeps back able statesmen.

But whatever the merits or demerits of the system may be it remains the system and until it is changed it is better for the material interests of the district to keep its representative on the job if he proves himself to be competent and industrious and successful in serving his constituents.

In the death of William Weihe Connellsville loses an old and substantial citizen who in his more active life was a progressive citizen industrious unostentatiously with most of the town's enterprise. He was a stockholder in Connellsville's first street railway, its first national bank, its first building and loan association. He did not seek the limelight, but he was always ready with his shoulder when the Car of Progress had to be pushed. He was a simple hearted fair-minded honest man who in life had the respect of the community and whose death is sincerely regretted by all the people who knew him.

The Independent coke operators of the Connellsville region are more independent than ever. They are buying and building new coke plants now instead of selling old ones.

West Virginia reports a $12,000,000 boost on gasoline. Governor Glasscock should no discriminate in the matter of taxing wells. If should tax the oil wells as well as the gas wells. He should have his special session at once.

The man who digs dynamite out with a pick as they dig his own grave.

Greene county never realized how wealthy she was until she sold her coal and had an opportunity to tax it as somebody else's property.

Tower Hill is looming up in the coke region.

The presence of Interstate Commerce officials on the Sand Patch grade examining the air brake equipment of freight trains led to the belief that the Sand Patch case has not been fully determined until finally ended.

The Connellsville region coke will be sure not well supplied with fire protection in the night be.

Xmas is the invention of a tired mother.

Uniontown is establishing a reputation as a coke center.

A Brownsville man who has returned after an absence of forty years is reported to have expressed surprise over the growth of the town. It is true that Brownsville was a long time getting a move on, but when it did start it took a jump. The wonder is not that the town is so large but that it is not larger.

The fact that the local officials of the B. & O. know nothing about the consolidating of the Connellsville, Fairmont Oak Hill traffic has caused a good deal of surprise. Local officials as a rule know anything but politics.

The Pittsburg Suffragettes want the word "obey" stricken from the marriage service. The trouble is they don't know enough men will balk. When the women of Pennsylvania can vote they will be ready to shoulder the burden of government. Until then they will have a serious competition for men unless the exhibitions of a few rattling females seeking to bring notoriety to themselves by their unwomanly methods.

The coke region is laboring under the depression of a car famine in coke supplies.

The reported shortage of natural gas at Morgantown will probably make a gas well boom in that section. Morgantown is the county seat of the county of his birth.

Stamp Red Cross postage stamps on your Christmas presents. It shows a better Christmas spirit.

South Connellsville real estate is booming. Five wells in active use by the mill.

The Wyoming town of Yukon is developing rapidly. Is the Alaskan Yukon?

The Johnstown mine accident is significant and illustrates the importance of using every precaution to keep fire out of the mines.

President Taft gladdened the hearts of the Ohio river boosters by declaring in favor of the improvement of that stream. But we do not understand why the loyalty of the President to the Ohio river should in any way have been doubted. He was figured by the Ohio. This is by no means the first time he ever dabbled in waters.

Coal valuations are going up and assessments are more than keeping pace with them. Assessments will be up to stay for a period of three years and the only consolation holders of real estate have is that prices are likely to appreciate during the whole of that period.

Every Assessor in Greene county is a Booster just now.

Dexter and Home coke plants are small and old but while they still have a live fly wheel the coke business is profitable. They are a distinction of the fact that the original Connellsville region is living years of active life reminding to it.

Judging from the size of the coke load you rolled this way Santa Claus must be stingy to the little ones.

The Democrats have a Money man as their leader in the Senate.

Even the railroads freeze up in zero weather.

The B. & O. is running a Water Wagon of its own, but it is not asking anybody to ride on it.

The Connellsville coke operators are standing pat. The position spells prosperity.

Engineer corps like no proof of a railroad but when the contractors commence digging up the ground it is certain there's something doing.

The western coppe smelters are kicking about the freight rates on coke. They apparently do not mind they certainly should not object to the price. The price has always been disproportionate to the price of copper and other products of the western smelters.

LATER SERVICE ON SOUTH SIDE LINE.

For Tin Workers Last Car to Leave South Connellsville at 12.15.

LEFT AT 12:05 LAST NIGHT

This Caused Some of the Men to Miss Connections and Better Service is Planned—Last Car Will Make One Extra Trip to Terminal

The West Penn has inaugurated an owl train for the benefit of the tin plate workers at the Hurbert mill. When the new schedule was adopted on the South Connellsville line it developed that the crews being relieved at midnight became additional service. Under the regular schedule the last car leaving South Connellsville is 11:15. For the benefit of the crews at the mill who are relieved at midnight the last car made an additional trip last night and left at 12. This was too early however because some of the men missed connections and had to walk home.

Arrangements are now being made to adjust the schedule. The car leaving here at 1:30 for South Connellsville will make the round trip returning here at midnight. It will then make an additional trip using South Connellsville as its own. This will give the mill employees from the time they are relieved to make the car.

This arrangement, it is believed will be perfectly satisfactory. It will also be a benefit to all the patrons of the line as it will give them a later car to South Connellsville and also a later car returning to town.

The first run at the mill Monday was most successful. A number of Scottdale workers without the work and assistance of the crews. A call for additional men has been made for next Monday and quite a few men among them several well known tinners are prepared to report for duty.

DROPPED DEAD

John Turner Father of Mrs. Myrtle Boyd, of West Side.

John Turner father of Mrs. Myrtle Boyd of Eighth street West Side and well known in Connellsville dropped dead Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. He had been employed at Lemont for some time and seemed to enjoy good health. In addition to Mrs. Boyd he is survived by a daughter Miss Gertrude Turner of Uniontown, John and William Turner the latter of Fairmont, W. Va.

GOES WITH BELL

Benjamin Cole Leaves West Penn Cold Storage Company.

Benjamin Cole well known about Connellsville as an employe of the West Penn Cold Storage Company, has resigned his position and this morning engaged as solicitor for the Bell Telephone Company.

Cole is widely known and expects to bring in many contracts during the next few months.

SOLD ANOTHER PROPERTY

Another Property at South Connellsville Changes Hands.

The Connellsville Building & Loan Association through Treasurer Fred Wertz today closed a deal for the sale of the brick house on Second street South Connellsville to Joseph A. Mason.

It has seven rooms and was used for a boarding house. The consideration was about $1,800.

In Matrimonial Circles

William Stafford Coolspring street, Uniontown was given a hearing before Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen Monday charged with desertion and non support. The court sentenced him to pay his wife Ella S. Stafford $25 per month for the support of herself and children.

Two Hurt in Explosion

Lorenz Dechin and Dosen Port two Tower Hill foreigners, are in the Uniontown hospital in a serious condition. They, it is said, put into a charge of dynamite that failed to go off.

Pays $30 Per Month

Charles F. Mesterzi charged with desertion and non support of his wife, Mary Mesterzi has been directed to pay her $30 per month.

Another Case of Smallpox

Another case of smallpox developed at Uniontown yesterday. It is said there are five cases in that locality at present.

Change of Headquarters

It is reported the Lorain Steel Company will establish general offices in Johnstown the first of the year.

Vote an Deed

Daniel Carmichael, aged 71 years one of the Crimean war veterans died at his home in Green county Monday.

DELICATE OPERATION.

Nail Removed From Lad's Throat in Pittsburg Hospital

Chester Lemaster little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Lemaster of Lemont Furnace underwent a very skillful and serious operation Monday at the Pittsburg Eye Ear and Throat hospital. The operation was a success and the required great skill on the part of the physicians.

Saturday week ago the little fellow who is just four years old swallowed a small nail about an inch and a half in length. Under the child was removed to the Cottage State hospital and in order to locate the nail the X-Ray was used by Drs. J. H. White and W. J. Bailey. The nail could not be located in the stomach and later the child showed symptoms of an affection of the lungs.

Sunday morning the X-Ray was again used by Dr. White and Dr. Bailey and it was found that while living on his bed the little fellow had drawn the nail to his windpipe. Yesterday morning Dr. White took him to the Pittsburg Eye Ear and Throat hospital where he assisted Dr. Carvill Jackson in performing the operation. A small tube is then placed in the throat about the size of a pencil when on the end was inserted down the child's throat and in this manner the nail which was at the entrance of the right bronchial tube was located and removed.

The little fellow's recovery is being as rapid as can be expected and was resting easy last evening when Dr. White left the hospital.

KILLED IN MINE.

Collapse of Roof at Freeport Monday Results Fatally

Walter Young at the Freeport mine of the Diamond Fuel Coke Company, Leechburg, was instantly killed by a fall of slate. His neck was broken by the fall. Price was employed as a timberman in the mine and had been working Monday propping up the roof. Coming in an exceptionally dangerous spot his helper back for more timbers. When the helper returned he found Price partially buried under the debris. He was dead when discovered.

Price came to this country from England 10 years ago. His parents live in that country. Until three years ago, when he was married, he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. James McVay of this place.

He was married to Miss Kathryn Ansley of this place and his widow and one child survive. The funeral will be held from the home on Hurdy Gurdy Hill at the latter's home tomorrow afternoon.

At the time of his death Mr. Price was 26 years old. He was well known in the neighborhood for during the 10 years he lived in Dunbar he made many friends.

ATTENDED BANQUET.

Fayette County Men at Pennsylvania Society Affair in New York.

Senator W. E. Crow, Judge J. C. Work, ex-Judge Nathaniel Ewing, Judge R. E. Umbel and George D. Howell of Uniontown attended the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Society of New York held Saturday night at the Waldorf-Astoria. Andrew Carnegie presided and Commander Potts was guest of honor.

Old Irwin Resident Dead

Charles Henry Lemmable Irwin resident died Monday aged 80 years.

DEATHS.

Charles W. Norton

Charles W. Norton aged forty-seven years, night watchman at the Riverside Metal & Boiler Company and a member of the I. O. O. F. and Mr. Magnet No. 1 of Connellsville, died Wednesday morning at his home at Mount Vernon Furnace.

Mr. Norton had been in poor health for the past month when he left Connellsville to accept the position at Mount Vernon. He remained there a short time returning to Connellsville. He had been under the care of physicians for some time for a complication of diseases which was unexpected. Deceased was born in Connellsville City. His mother died when he was a child. He is survived by his father, Mr. Samuel Norton of Connellsville; one brother, Harry Norton of Mount Vernon Furnace.

Miss Katherine Anderson

Miss Katherine Anderson, aged 1 year, 6 months and 7 days, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mount Vernon Furnace, Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock. Death was due to the ailments of infancy. Miss Anderson was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson and was born and lived in this city all of her short existence. Besides her parents she has a brother James H. Anderson at Pleasant Valley. Five months ago Mr. and Mrs. Anderson left for a visit with friends in Montana but Mr. Anderson returned to Connellsville to make a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson on Arch street.

Deceased was a member of the Uniontown Church having united with the church in Michigan while on a visit to relatives. In addition to Miss Anderson she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: John W. of Mansfield, Geo. of Uniontown, Mich. Jacob of Flint, Mich. Mrs. Susie Nicholson and Mrs. Mary Goodstein of Marcellus, Mich.

Mrs. Emeline Grist

Perryopolis, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Emeline Grist of Perry township died at the home on last Monday morning at 6 o'clock. After recovering from a severe case of typhoid fever she was accidentally struck by a runaway horse Friday morning and never regained full consciousness. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Grist; one son, Harry at home and a daughter Mrs. Harry Straub, Franklin township. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cuson of Perryopolis deceased and the following brother and sisters also survive: Mrs. Mary Wile, Perryopolis; Thomas Cuson, Layton; George Cuson, Perryopolis; Jeffrie Cuson, Uniontown; Mrs. Martin Cuson, Perryopolis; Mrs. Lafe Cuit, Dawson; Mrs. Rebecca Bishop, Perryopolis.

The remains will be taken to the M. E. church here on Tuesday morning leaving the house at 10. After the services at the church interment will take place in Mt. Washington cemetery.

The deceased has been a life long member of the M. E. church and Rev. Morris of Scottdale conducted the services in the M. E. Church here, will officiate.

Mrs. Mary Stegmeous

While on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Leonard in Pittsburg Mrs. Mary Stegmeous aged 65 years of South Connellsville died very suddenly Wednesday night.

Mrs. Stegmeous went to Pittsburg last Saturday to visit her daughter and on leaving home was enjoying her usual good health. Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock the members of her family were summoned to Pittsburg account of her serious illness and last evening about 7 o'clock friends of the family received word of her death. The news came as a great shock to the members of her family as well as to a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Stegmeous was born and reared in West Virginia. Her maiden name was Mary Norris. Twenty-two years ago with her family she came to South Connellsville to reside. Her husband died 17 years ago and one son Edward was killed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Deceased was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church. She is survived by the following children: Frederick, William, Charles, Misses Lottie and Catherine Stegmeous of South Connellsville and John of Ohio.

Mrs. Bertha Wilson Davis

Mrs. Bertha Wilson Davis, wife of J. H. Davis, died this day evening, December 2 at Carmi, Pa. on the anniversary of her 27th birthday. Death was due to complication of diseases. Deceased was born in Fayette City where she spent the greater part of her life. For the last five years she has resided at California, Pa. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fayette City for 16 years.

December 24, 1908, she was married to J. H. Davis formerly of Mover. To the union one child, Amelia May, was born. Deceased was a devoted wife and mother and by her cheery disposition won for herself a wide circle of friends who learned of her death with the deepest regret. In addition to her husband and child she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilson of Atwater, O. and two brothers, Jesse Wilson of Brownsville and Clarence Wilson of Atwater, O. Funeral services were held from the family residence the day afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. S. Stephens of the Reformed church officiated. Interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Miss Anna Malley

DUNBAR, Dec. 16.—Miss Anna Malley died yesterday morning at 7:00 o'clock after an illness of three years. Miss Malley was the daughter of the late Charles Malley and Mary Malley of this place and was born April 21, 1861. Charles Malley, Wales when small her parents moved to this place where she has since resided. Miss Malley has been confined to her bed for the past 12 weeks and during all her suffering was never heard to complain always cheerful and ready to cheer those about her. Miss Malley was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and was in constant worker in the church until her sickness prevented her. Besides her mother she is survived by the following, brothers and sisters: Miss Delia and Patrick Malley at home, Mrs. Patrick Connell of this place, Mrs. Mary Lang of Vanderbilt, Height Pa., and Charles Malley of Braddock.

Jacob L. Lauffer

Jacob L. Lauffer aged 80 died Thursday at the home of Thomas Richter near Smithton, Pa. He lived for the past ten years. He was born in Westmoreland county was married in 1851 to Susannah Gibbs and had 7 children. He is survived by three sons and three daughters, Edward C. Lauffer, H. A. Lauffer, G. W. Lauffer, Mrs. Z. D. Bunker, Mrs. Aaron Bushcamp, Mr. Elijah Bushcamp, also by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Lauffer's grandfather came into Westmoreland county as a pioneer settler from Northumberland county. He before the revolutionary War and his family for generations has been well known in the Manor valley where the deceased owned considerable property. The funeral was held at Denmark Methodist Church six miles north of Mount Pleasant at 2 P. M. Saturday.

Mrs. Samuel Schrock

Following months illness of tuberculosis of the brain Mrs. Samuel Schrock died Sunday night at 10 o'clock at her late home in Berlin. Mrs. Schrock was married three years ago to Samuel Schrock and by the union two children were born. She was a consistent member of the Reformed Church of Stahlstown, living until with the church which she held. Her husband and two children survive. Funeral services were held from the family residence the day afternoon at 2 o'clock Rev. W. S. Stephens of the Reformed church officiated. Interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. J. R. Coder

Ursina, Dec. 8.—Mrs. J. R. Coder died [illegible] died March after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Coder had just returned home a few days before [illegible] from a visit with relatives in Johnstown. She had been a sufferer from rheumatism for several years. He is survived by her husband one daughter Miss Alta Pox of Uniontown and two sons Norman of Clark Mills, Iowa, and Clyde of Johnstown. She was a sister of Mrs. William Hanna near Addison and a cousin of Mrs. Norman B. Critchfield of Johnstown.

VERONA FRANKS TRIED FOR MURDER.

Believed That Insanity Defense Will Result in Acquittal for Her.

SHE KILLED HER LITTLE BOY

Masontown Arson Case is Continued Until March Term Because Material Witnesses for Commonwealth Are Missing—Other Court News.

UNIONTOWN, Dec 13—The first case taken up before criminal court at the beginning of the second week this morning was the murder charge against Verona Franks, who cut the throat of her little son, Tony, at Thompson No 2 some weeks ago A jury was selected and then an adjournment was taken. The defense will be insanity and the appearance of the prisoner as she appeared for trial this morning seemed strong in behalf of the plea for the defense The jury is as follows:

Frank Anderson Dunbar township James M Burnworth Henry Clay Lee Brownfield, South Union Thomas Clark, South Union, George W Campbell Connellsville, Alfred Carr Springhill Jere Dawson Bridgeport Earl Deffenbaugh, Nicholson John F Dorsey, Luzerne Oscar Greenleaf Fairchance, Grant Hay Dunbar, and Noah Johnson, Point Marion

The arson case against Louis H Miller and Aaron Rodney charged with causing the conflagration at Masontown some months ago was continued until the March term Charles Gordon and wife material witnesses for the Commonwealth are out of the State, and Mrs Margaret Hempstead another witness, is confined to bed The defense objected to a continuance but it was granted

In the suit of the Standard Supply Company against S J Harry an affidavit of defense was filed this morning Harry contends that he gave a verbal order for two sand rolls and agreed to take them if they could be used They proved unsatisfactory Harry further claims the purchase price was to have been $65 instead of $145, the amount claimed

County Detective Alex McBeth this morning arrested Charles Copp a white man, charged with selling cocaine

In the equity suit of the borough of South Brownsville against the Union town, Brownsville & West Side Street railway company, General Manager John R Byrne of the defendant company entered his defense today He claims the ordinance under which his company laid tracks in South Brownsville contained no time limit He further states that the company will carry out the provisions laid down by the court as quickly as possible

In the suit of the the Monongahela railroad against Kate Ann Miller the court appointed the following viewers William Thompson George L Moore Jesse Frost L C Wagoner Benjamin T Strickler Thomas Shuman and C J McCormick

MERGER EFFECTED.

Continental Telephone Company Absorbs the American Union

The American Union Telephone Company has been absorbed by the Continental, the big merger of telephone and telegraph interests having been completed in New York Wednesday. Fayette county peoples efforts to prevent the merging of their holdings in the Tri State Company, which is one of the telephone lines involved seem to have been for naught

Despite the fact that a temporary injunction has been granted in the local courts restraining the transfer of the stock to the Continental or any other company until after the hearing the consummation of the big deal was carried through Whether there was any attempt made to transfer the holdings of the local people made has not been definitely learned

ENGINEERS WIVES

Choose Officers for Auxiliary for Ensuing Year

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected Wednesday at the regular meeting of the G I A to the B of L E held in Odd Fellows hall President Mrs E S Marsh Vice President, Mrs James Cypher, Secretary Mrs J H Zimmerman Treasurer, Mrs Fred Schwartz, Chaplain Mrs Harry Atchinson Guide Mrs Charles Ingleke and Sentinel Mrs David Randolph The meeting was well attended

In connection with the election the regular routine business was transacted

Will Present a Church.

Jasper Augustine of Uniontown has announced his intention of building a substantial new brick church for the M E congregation at Somerfield as a memorial to his parents the late Daniel Augustine and Mary (Miller) Augustine who lived at Addison

Lindener Acquitted

After being out but 30 minutes the jury at Waynesburg which heard the evidence in the case of Henry Lindener charged with the murder of W B Armstrong at Parkers Landing on August 7, acquitted the defendant

Chestnut Splinter Taken For Rib In Body of Somerset County Boy.

SOMERSET Dec 13—The discovery of a piece of wood 5⅝ inches long and 2⅝ inches in circumference in the body of Walter Kauffman the 19 year old son of Harry J Kauffman of near Davisville, probably will result in saving the young man's life, though he has suffered untold agony

While the young man and two ladies were returning home the week before from the Mennonite Church, his horse ran away and he was thrown across a rail fence striking upon his chest and forcing a splinter into his body above the collar bone He was quickly taken home and two physicians were summoned to dress his injuries.

Upon conducting the examination the physicians found what they believed to be a piece of his third rib on the right side projecting towards the hole in his neck on the opposite side They gave it as their opinion according to members of the family that the rib was broken and then forced out through his neck and then back as he straightened up The physicians worked for some time with the boy during which they forced what they had believed was a piece of broken rib back to its natural position, and then bandaged the chest and abdomen to hold the rib in place The boy felt relieved of much pain after this operation but a few days later he experienced more suffering and two physicians were again called in and requested to make another examination This resulted in the location of the splinter, which was removed

The piece of wood is a part of a chestnut rail and it is hard to understand how the young man's injury could deceive the attending physicians

PLANS FOR A BANQUET BY VETERANS UNDER WAY

Date is Early in January—Officers for Ensuing Year Are Elected

William C Kurtz Post No 104 G A R met Friday in their room in the Municipal building and elected the following officers for the ensuing year Commander Captain Lloyd Johnston Senior Vice President J A Pritchard Junior Vice President Clark Collins Quartermaster, Henry Kurtz Surgeon Noah Kaufman Officer of the Day John Bova Chaplain J R Balsley Captain E Dunn and Clark Collins were elected delegates to the annual State convention to be held in July at Gettysburg

The meeting was an enthusiastic one and a large turnout of veterans were present Plans for a banquet to be held early in January were discussed Committees will be appointed at a later meeting and it is the intention of the veterans to have the affair the best of the kind held in Connellsville for some time The veterans have the promise of Council for improvements upon their room and by the next meeting they expect to have a more cheery meeting place

WATER FAMINE CLOSES GREENSBURG SCHOOLS.

Board at Special Meeting Decide to Dismiss 2,500 Pupils Until Supply Improves

GREENSBURG Dec 10—For lack of water to keep the building sanitary and warm the Greensburg borough schools have been compelled to close down and this morning twenty five hundred pupils are on vacation The School Board acted upon the serious situation at an adjourned meeting last night Reports were submitted by the superintendent and by the chairman of the committees on sanitation and buildings showing that the conditions in all the buildings demanded the immediate closing of the schools in order to protect the health and lives of the children Everything possible had been done by the officers and the committees to get water to keep the engines going to supply heat and for cleansing purposes but all efforts were in vain

They will be kept closed until rains fill the reservoirs of the water company or until the company furnishes water from some other source

A mass meeting of citizens to protest against the service of the Westmoreland Water Company has been called for Monday evening

UMBEL AUDIT MUST WAIT

Superior Court Won't Advance Case of Fayette County Judge

UNIONTOWN Dec 11—The Superior Court of Pennsylvania has denied the petition of counsel of the Civic League of Fayette county asking that the Judge Robert E Umbel audit case be advanced on the list The decision was that the case must come in its regular place and as a result it will not be reached for several months

An appeal was made to the Superior Court from a decision made in Fayette county by Judge J Q Van Swearingen, who dismissed the case but put the costs on Judge Umbel

BAR ELECTS OFFICERS

J W Dawson Named President For Ensuing Year

UNIONTOWN Dec 11—The Fayette County Bar Association met this morning and elected officers for the ensuing year President R F Hopwood presided J W Dawson was elected President W C McKean Vice President C A Rhoades Secretary and S J Morris, Treasurer

The association will hold its annual banquet at the Summit on December 2 beginning at 6 30 P M

Begley for Senator

James C Begley formerly of Connellsville and now of Berlin Somerset county it is rumored in political circles will be a candidate for State Senator in the Somerset Bedford and Fulton district

A Gusher

An oil well has been drilled in on the B E Swiger farm at Smithton W Va that is flowing 10 000 barrels a day

HANDSOME CHURCH BURNED.

St Thomas' Polish Catholic Edifice at Footedale Destroyed

UNIONTOWN Pa Dec 11—St Thomas Polish Catholic Church at Footedale one of the largest in the Klondike coke region was destroyed by fire last evening with all its contents including a fine pipe organ and costly altar services Whether the blaze was started by incendiaries or was the result of a defective electric wire has not been determined

The congregation for years worshipped in the basement of the edifice but three years ago the beautiful superstructure was built at a cost of $15 000 The building and furnishings were valued at $25 000 The loss is partially covered by insurance The Rev John Popera is rector of the parish

FAYETTE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION HELD

Papers and Talks on Work Before Large Attendance at Dawson on Sunday

Largely attended was the convention of District No 1 of the Fayette County Sunday School Association held Sunday afternoon and evening in Dawson The afternoon session was held in the Baptist Church while the evening session was held in the Cochran Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church Both sessions were well attended and the programs rendered were very instructive

The afternoon program opened with devotional services in charge of Rev George Grant of Vanderbilt Miss Amy I Porter of Scottdale gave an interesting talk on A New Era in the Sunday School World Prof I P King of Smithton gave an interesting talk on The Trained Teacher Junior Department was discussed by Lina Martin of Connellsville Rev A C Young of Vanderbilt had charge of the Round Table of the Sunday School problems

The evening services opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev Kaufman of Vanderbilt An address on Temperance by Miss James R Collins followed The principal address of the evening was delivered by General Secretary of the Sunday School Association W G Landis of Philadelphia Attorney J W Dawson of Uniontown spoke on The Organized Adult Bible Class

A FERTILE FIELD FOR TROLLEY EXTENSION

Line From Baggaley to Mt Pleasant and Hecla Would Draw Much Patronage

SCOTTDALE Dec 9—With trolley lines ramifying nearly all over the thickly populated sections of Westmoreland county it is remarkable that the efforts made to extend the Latrobe line from Baggaley to either Mt Pleasant or Hecla The topography of the section to be traversed is such as to invite such an enterprise The only step grade would be in the neighborhood of Lycippus and this would be more easily accomplished than in the case of many places on other lines now in operation

Such a line would traverse the thickly populated district and would draw patronage from the extensive mining towns of Tarrer Mammoth Calumet, as well as from Keecksburg and Pleasant Unity In many of its features it would be similar to the proposed line from Greensburg to Latrobe except in the cost of construction Reliable information is to the effect that the expensive feature on some lines in the high demands for rights of way would be reduced to a minimum as the people owning property through the section to be traversed are desirous to have the advantages such institutions would bestow

Ruffsdale Man Missing

Levi Ryan an eccentric Ruffsdale man is missing from his home for a week He disappeared before daylight one morning last week carrying a light of the times and has not been seen since

The Pride of Freedens

The only township high school in Somerset county has been successfully established at Freedens in Somerset township Prof R B Speicher is the principal

WILLIAM WEIHE, A PIONEER, DEAD.

Was Taken Ill Last Summer and Has Been Sinking Ever Since.

HE WAS BORN IN GERMANY

Came to Pennsylvania at an Early Age and Located in Connellsville 44 Years Ago—Had a Picturesque Career in This Region

The death of William Weihe which occurred Friday night at 8 o'clock at the home of his son Henry Weihe on South Pittsburg street removed from Connellsville one of its most widely known and an influential citizen Mr Weihe had attained the ripe old age of 84 years and considering his age he was remarkably brilliant mentally He retained his mental faculties until a few days before his death He was conscious only at intervals He was a great reader till as a result was well posted on all current events His eyesight was excellent until about a month ago His health in general was good up until last June when he was taken ill and since that time he would from a sufferer from chronic of the liver which resulted in his death Mr Weihe looked after his business interests up until a few days prior to his death Since last August he had been confined to his home Well Mr Weihe's sickness was known to be of a serious nature his death was unexpected to the members of his family

Mr Weihe was a native of Louisenthal and Catherine Mary Weihe and was born in Stuttgart Germany January 28 1825 In July 1851 he came to this country sailing in Pittsburg January 1 and he married Miss Catherine Hemborn of Pittsburg To the union seven children were born the following of whom survive Jacob of Bellevue Ida Albert Butler Pa Mr Dorothy Berlin Fairburn Charles H and Henry Connellsville

Forty four years ago Mr Weihe came with his family to Connellsville where he has since resided in many capacities for the Connellsville Gas company Fifty years ago Mr Weihe built the Weihe Hotel and in 1870 built the Weimar Hotel which at the time was one of the finest structures of the kind in Connellsville He owned both buildings at the time of his death Mr Weihe was a charter member of Peter Pritz I O O F Lodge of Pittsburg having become a member over 60 years ago He was a consistent supporter of the Republican party and though not of holding any offices he also took a great interest in politics and was always on hand to cast his vote at the various elections He was a supporter of all movements made for the welfare of the town He was likewise a Director of the First National Bank for years and was still a Director at the time of his death

Mr Weihe was a man of very quiet disposition and was a true friend He was a member of the English Lutheran Church of Connellsville Since the death of his wife which occurred about 10 years ago he made his home with his children spending the greater part of his time with his son Henry In addition to his children he is survived by 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren One brother Charles Weihe of Gallipolis O and one sister Miss Sophia Weihe of Stuttgart Germany also survive A sister Mrs Caroline Lehrer died in Gallipolis O about a month ago

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The following Odd Fellows served as pall bearers T H Edmonds Levi Hoover Eber Addis Jacob Wildy John Cunningham William Ritchey Interment in Hill Grove Cemetery

FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

To Be Held on Barnhart Farm on December 18

The last meeting of the Union Farmers Club of Fayette County for the current season will be held Saturday December 18 at the home of Col J J Burnhart at Sunnyside The annual election of officers will take place Reports will also be heard by the various officers Addresses will be delivered by prominent citizens from all over the county

Sells Distillery

P A Kaul of Connellsville has sold the Stanford Distilling Company of Mt Pleasant for the consideration of $50 000 a lot of ground on which is erected the Standard distillery building warehouse office stable and other improvements Also another lot having thereon a two story frame house

Gusher Flows 12,000 Barrels Of Oil a Day at Shinnston.

FAIRMONT W Va Dec 11—Owing to the heavy increase in the output of the Shinnston oil pool the pipe line companies which carry the fluid away have been totally unable to cope with the new situation A number of wells overflowed their tanks Thursday morning and the Eureka Company which is the one in the field was not able to take care of the production

The Philadelphia Company's great gusher on the D E Swiger farm increased its flow Thursday and during the day it averaged between 500 and 600 barrels per hour or at the rate of 12 000 barrels a day

Koons Run was filled with oil from the overfilled tanks Those at the George Swiger No 2 and the Tom Swiger No 3 of the Philadelphia Company were not capable of taking care of the production and the fluid was allowed to drain from the tanks into the stream

During the afternoon the Eureka company's three inch main was put out of commission and the concern had to resort to its two inch pipe to carry all of the oil from the big field An effort was made to get the big main in working order again

At the gusher on the D E Swiger farm a force of 125 men was employed in digging trenches A great deal of the product was saved by this method At least 20 new tanks will be erected at the well

A DEED OF TRUST COVERS WEIHE ESTATE

Except Non Revenue Producing Properties—A New Trustee Is To Be Elected

Under the provisions of a deed of trust executed on [illegible] 50 by the late William Weihe of Connellsville and [illegible] of the estate to the last several [illegible] have been [illegible] and all debts [illegible] of the estate [illegible] and [illegible] to the [illegible]

Three trustees [illegible] the estate Chief and Henry Weihe [illegible] now known as the Davidson works of the H C Frick Coke Company He opened up the first coal mine then known as the Pioneer mine and was its first mine foreman Later he was made superintendent of the Connellsville artificial gas company [illegible] year In 1880 he built the Weihe Hotel and in 1890 built the Weimar Hotel which at the time was one of the finest structures of the Upper Connellsville He owned both buildings at the time of his death Mr Weihe was a charter member of Peter Pritz I O O F Lodge of Pittsburg having become a member over 60 years ago He was a consistent supporter of the Republican party and though not of holding any offices he also took a great interest in politics and was always on hand to cast his vote at the various elections He was a supporter of all movements made for the welfare of the town He was likewise a Director of the First National Bank for years and was still a Director at the time of his death

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FELL ON SIDEWALK, IS PAINFULLY HURT

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After examining that no bones had been broken Mrs Trump was removed to her home at South Connellsville In addition to the old [illegible] of the Morgan and Presbyterian Church properties has long been a menace to the limbs of pedestrians In dampy weather it is specially slippery and every winter there is recorded long list of injuries

FAYETTE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

To Hold Convention at Uniontown December 22and 23

The annual meeting of the Fayette County School Directors Association will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Uniontown Wednesday and Thursday December [illegible] 23

At the opening session the annual election of officers and delegates to State Convention will take place Reports will also be heard by the various officers Addresses will be delivered by prominent citizens from all over the county

Donaldson Assaulted

Peter Olson who was sent up for [illegible] months by the court some months ago for disturbance in office [illegible] and who was but recently released by Uniontown [illegible] Before the building was erected a small [illegible] which formed the nucleus of the present congregation of [illegible]

DR. CLOUD CLEARED.

Trotting Association Removes Ban on Masontown Physician

Dr V H Cloud of Masontown who was suspended by the National Trotting Association for his connection with the running of the Monongahela Driving Park which is now held by the Fayette County Agricultural Society has been reinstated by the Board of Review which is now holding its annual session in New York City Dr Cloud stated that he was not directly connected with the affair and knew nothing about the betting system under his own [illegible] Dr Cloud is a member of Connellsville [illegible] who was [illegible] for the [illegible] Dr Cloud [illegible] cleared with [illegible]

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THREE MILLS STARTED AT THE HUMBERT PLANT

About 150 Hands Go to Work at South Connellsville Tin Plate Mill

The [illegible] of the Humbert plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company Monday three mills were started [illegible] first of the [illegible] to be operated The mills now in operation give employment to [illegible] men [illegible] expected that the remaining mills will be placed in operation within a short time The first [illegible] to work at 6 o'clock The [illegible] worked eight hour shifts and the mill will be operated [illegible]

Water Off at Jeannette

Many [illegible] the shutting off of the water supply in the Jeannette public schools Superintendent Shaffer visited state Health Commissioner Dixon of existing conditions asking for help in the matter An examination will be sent to Jeannette to ascertain

DR BARNES, Specialist

[illegible] Main St Connellsville [illegible] Manhood Kidney Weakness of Men Men [illegible] Ailment [illegible] and Bladder [illegible] Piles Cured Without Pain Rectal [illegible] Hours [illegible] Saturdays and Sundays [illegible] 1 to 4

GEO. WASHINGTON'S DEEDS DEBATED IN HIGH SCHOOL

Decided Father of His Country Is Not Given Too Much Credit for His Deeds

Resolved that Washington was given too much credit for his deeds was the subject of an interesting debate discussed yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Literary Society of the South Side schools of which George Bell is principal The question was one of interest and each debater brought out some good points The question was decided in favor of the negative The debaters were affirmative John Brown and Dorothy Russ Negative Grace Daniels and Oliver Oliver

The [illegible] of the program was as follows Recitation Alice Rose and Melvin Clasper declamations Birdella Brower and Margaret Morton paper Tom Brown Miss Jeannette Adams elected Secretary The society is recently organized and as yet has not been called upon Owing to next Friday being the close of school until after the holidays it was decided to hold no meeting Friday afternoon After the holidays there will be two meetings a month

ZIMMERMAN TRIED TO START A FIRE.

But for Chief Rottler's Arrival He Might Have Succeeded.

CITY HALL WAS ENDANGERED

Likewise the Coat of Jack Hahn, Which Was Slightly Singed by the Flames—Zimmerman Lands in the Lockup as Result of Spree.

But for the timely arrival of Chief of Police Rottler the City Hall might have been the scene of a bad fire Friday as the result of a drunken prank of Edward Zimmerman As it was the basement was badly scorched and Jack Hahn another regular in police circles had his coat tail singed

The lock on the door leading to the boiler room had been broken and into this stage event Hahn looking for a warm spot for a nap He was followed by Zimmerman but not until securely locked in the arms of Morpheus

The latter did not make things hot enough for Zimmerman He gathered together a lot of kindling wood and set it on fire Then he applied a torch to Hahn's coat tail Hahn woke with a start when the odor of burning cloth reached his nose and mingled with the scent of the grain on both men been drinking some time previous Jack jumped up with more agility than he displays when walking in to face Burgess Evans He let out a war whoop that sounded throughout the building Chief Rottler heard the noise and then scented the smoke About this time Tax Collector George B Brown smelled smoke also

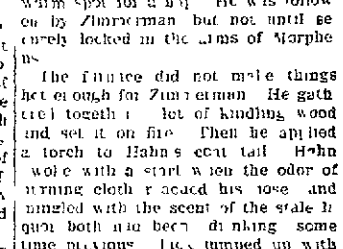
Chief Rottler grabbed a bucket of water and hastened to the basement of the building and threw the contents of the pail upon the fire and soon had it under control Then he grabbed Zimmerman by the ear and hauled him in the jug Hahn was permitted to go

This morning Zimmerman faced Burgess Evans and received 48 hours One other drunk was sentenced by Burgess Evans in police court this morning

Charleroi's School Population

The school population of Charleroi is close to 2 900

Will burn lamp out dry without moving the wick



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An Old Landmark Is to Go; M. E. Cemetery at Uniontown.

UNIONTOWN Dec 10—A petition will be presented to court as soon as a few preliminaries can be arranged with a view to removing an old landmark from the county seat It is to old Methodist Episcopal cemetery at the corner of Arch and West Cemetery streets which for many years was a resting place for the members of nearly all the churches in the community The plot comprises about an acre and a half and is in the heart of the town almost immediately in the rear of the First National Bank building On account of its location it has been considered for building purposes and some time ago offers to buy it were made with the understanding that the bodies of those interred there would be removed

Many of the pioneer settlers of the Methodist faith were laid to rest there but there was little or no long to [illegible] dead [illegible] and [illegible] them to [illegible] own choice but most of the bodies will be [illegible] the discretion of the committee [illegible] to attend [illegible]

Objection to this removal was made when it was known by [illegible] but recently [illegible] by Uniontown [illegible] Before the building was erected a small [illegible] which formed the nucleus of the present congregation of [illegible]

The cemetery was laid out in the sixties The congregation has outgrown this edifice and a movement has been started with a view to putting up a building commensurate with the number and wealth of the congregation The official board is composed of nine of the most prominent business men of the town

The pastor of the congregation is Dr J B Risk formerly of the Connellsville congregation He has held pastorates in Pittsburg and Allegheny and is the senior member of the Methodist ministry in the city Rev [illegible] Upton is assistant pastor at the present church was dedicated [illegible] pastorate

Ralph Scott the well known decorator and artist has filed Attorneys Robinson McKean & Martin issue execution against the Summit Hotel Company to recover $1 175 with interest from June 1 1908 Scott recently entered into a contract with the Summit Company to decorate the interior of the hotel and after he was to receive bond for himself and bonds were not the work was in progress of execution The contract was completed [illegible] time following and on the completion of the building [illegible] Lobby parlors [illegible] dining room and other apartments

MOUNTAIN STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE.

Gale Has Raged Continually for Twenty-Four Hours; Attains Violence.

MANY HOUSES ARE UNROOFED

Large Sheet of Tin is Blown Across Street and Smashes Window in the Catholic Church—Trolley Service Suffers But Little

The worst mountain storm in years raged in this vicinity since early Sunday evening. All night long the storm raged on and when the morning broke there was no sign of cessation in the winds violence. A peculiar fact is that in the mountains the wind was not exceptionally severe during the night while the breezes that blew Monday were not violent. It is colder in the hills than in this section however.

Considerable damage was done by the wind in Connellsville and vicinity. Houses were unroofed windows blown in signs torn down and a score of other accidents recorded. The night was one of terror to the timid. During the early part of the night the wind blew in steady volume causing houses to rock like cradles and making the most unearthly of noises. Towards morning the gale began to blow in gusts each more severe than the one that preceded it. Movable articles that were left out over night beat a continuous tatoo. Chairs rocked tin cans were blown hither and hither and other objects were smashed about in a manner not likely to end the fears of those who anticipated dire results as the result of the storm.

The most serious accident to occur during the night was the breaking of one of the big colored windows of the Immaculate Conception Church. A piece of tin from the roof of the Frisbee property at the corner of Main and Prospect streets became torn away from the top of the house and was carried across the street on the wings of the gale. It plunged into the Immaculate Conception Church breaking the front window. The walks from the Pinnacle to Brimstone Corner were strewn with debris. On the South Side the damage was considerable in a minor way.

The Duquesne Limited had a narrow escape Monday as it was rolling into Connellsville. While rounding the curve near Limestone cutting a good chip the engine struck a tree which had blown across the track. Fortunately the trunk had been rotted and the pilot of the engine smashed through it without injury to the train. The Duquesne arrived on time this morning in spite of the bad weather.

The West Penn experienced considerable trouble from the wind but little serious damage was done. Wires were down in places but no report was received of poles being blown down. Crews reported the wind especially severe in the neighborhood of Mt. Braddock. This is one of the worst places along the trolley system when a wind storm is blowing. There was but little wind north of Scottdale during the night.

John Richardson the car caller at the waiting room here lost his hat and badge while crossing the bridge Monday morning. Although the chapeau was firmly fixed on his head as John thought a strong gust of wind lifted it over the railing and it dropped into the river near the Pennsylvania railroad bridge lost beyond recall.

The worst trouble as reported by the trolley officials was damage to the company's telephone and block wires. Several cars run behind schedule. Service on the Perryopolis line was interrupted for a time this morning when a car went dead but service was soon resumed.

The worst corner in town was at Green and Pittsburg street South Side and the usual number of mishaps were reported from that vicinity. Pedestrians had a hard time making the crossing. Some of them had a worse time coming to a standstill after the wind had picked them up and deposited them on the other side. The walk to the postoffice was also a disagreeable one as the wind got in its best licks at the corner of Fairview avenue and South Alley on Pittsburg street.

The wagon of W. R. Scott was blown over Monday as it stood in front of the owner's store. The horse usually a paragon of equine deportment took fright and collided with the wagon of Raimondio & Company. The top and one wheel were torn off.

Several chimneys were blown over and from every section of town came reports of trouble as a result of the gale. At noon the end had not come.

On the West Side one of the arc lights was blown down and is a total wreck. It was located at the corner of Main and Seventh streets. The wind during the night played havoc with the arc lights and many of them were extinguished by the gale.

The storm today caused considerable comment in the school rooms. In the High School alone a third of the pupils remained at home while in the grades the percentage of attendance was much lower. Many parents feared to send their little ones out to battle with the element just to get to school.

Oliver P. M. Rulli was sent out early Monday and acted in the capacity of street cleaner. He cleared North Pittsburg street after it had been blocked by a falling tree at the corner of Gibson avenue.

Mrs. Betty Lutz an aged cripple lady residing near the Yough brewery was blown up against a telegraph pole on the corner of Green and South Pittsburg streets this morning sustaining an ugly cut on her head. She was carried into Keagy's drug store in an unconscious condition. After having her injuries dressed she was taken to the home of Mrs. Anna Filcer on Etna street. There were several slight bruises about her face.

SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

Pupils in Connellsville Will Have Two Weeks—Teachers to Attend the Institute

Following the usual custom the teachers and pupils of the local public schools will be given two weeks vacation commencing a week from today. The regular studies will be carried out in the majority of the rooms on Friday afternoon while the Philo and Connellonian Literary Societies will hold their regular meetings. The South Side Literary Society will also meet.

The teachers will spend the first week of the vacation in Uniontown attending the annual session of the Teachers Institute which convenes Monday afternoon and adjourns Friday at noon. The Connellsville teachers are always well represented at the institutes and it is likely that they will all be on hand to enroll next Monday morning. The following week will be a real vacation for the teachers. Those living out of Connellsville will spend the week at their respective homes. The Dunbar township schools will also be given a two weeks vacation commencing a week from today.

A QUARTER MILLION IN CASH TO WORKMEN

Of Connellsville and Vicinity Will Be Distributed in the Next Ten Days

Within the next 10 days about $250,000 will be paid out in salaries in Connellsville and vicinity. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company is scheduled to make its pay on December 16. It will be the last pay day before the holidays for the railroad men but the coke workers all over the region will get their pay on December 24.

It is estimated that the Baltimore & Ohio pay will be over $100,000 in the immediate vicinity of Connellsville the Frick company will pay out upwards of $75,000. The Scottdale mills had their last pay before Christmas under the regular schedule on Saturday but there is an intimation that another pay will be made previous to Christmas Day on Dec. 24. Employes of the Humbert tin plate mill who went to work at 7 o'clock this morning will also receive their last pay before Christmas.

TEMPORARY DIRECTORS

Of Connellsville Wholesale Grocery Company Are Chosen

The stockholders of the Connellsville Wholesale Grocery Company held a meeting Saturday afternoon and elected the following temporary directors. Christian Felty and Geo. W. Campbell Connellsville, J. M. Keefer, T. W. Porter, Daniel Sherrick and O. P. Weimer Scottdale, Geo. W. Loar Grafton, W. Va., Fred Felty and Wm. Henry Uniontown.

Christian Felty will be president of the company and general manager Geo. W. Campbell vice president and T. W. Porter secretary and treasurer. The company will begin business in January in the Adams building.

ONE WEEK VACATION

Will Be Given School Children of Lower Tyrone

The Lower Tyrone township School Board met Saturday afternoon in the Dawson National Bank building and paid off the teachers for the expiring month. Owing to the absence of a quorum no other business was transacted. Three members were present.

Instead of the usual two weeks Christmas vacation only one week will be taken this year. The schools will close Friday afternoon of this week and open again Monday, December 27.

MAIL SACKS LOST

Two Pouches Ground to Pieces Under Train at Ruffsdale

Again for the fourth or fifth time within the past few months the mail thrown from southbound train No. 108 at Ruffsdale was cut to pieces by the wheels Friday evening. As on past occasions the bags were pulled from the mail car while passing the station and rebounded through the openings given them by the speeding train. Both pouches were chopped open and the contents distributed along the tracks for more than a hundred yards.

Smallpox at Morgantown

There are five cases of smallpox at Morgantown.

White Elephant Flour. Something new. Just try a sack. Money back if not satisfied. $1 large sack. At East End Grocery and Dixon & Little's West Side.

VERONA FRANKS IS SENT TO DIXMONT.

She Was Acquitted of Murder on the Grounds of Insanity Yesterday.

MOORE SENT TO HUNTINGDON

George W. Grimes Enters Equity Suit to Recover on a Mortgage and Have Agreement Cancelled—Present Session of Court Ends.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 14.—The week of criminal court came to an end this morning when several sentences were handed down. There will be no more court until the week of December 27, when arguments will be heard. When this was announced the court took the opportunity to request that attorneys that they kindly have their cases ready in order that there may be no unnecessary delay.

Mrs. Verona Franks who was acquitted for the murder of her child on account of insanity was sent to Dixmont on order of Judge Umbel. She will be kept there until he recovers her mind.

Isaac Moore convicted of involuntary manslaughter for the killing of Jasper Kinney at Rivers, W. Va., was sent to Huntingdon reformatory. Moore is only 24 years of age but he appears to possess more than ordinary intelligence.

Pete Custulis and Mike Prosic were sent to the workhouse for 60 days each for robbing Zuccel. Two months three men who have gone to the works for a year for robbing Gio. The man was sentenced to the first term of court.

John Foreman was sentenced to pay the costs in an assault and battery case. He was discharged.

William Robinson convict for stealing liquor from the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was sent to the workhouse for six months. He advised to remain in Allegheny county when his sentence expires.

An equity suit was filed this morning by George W. Grimes against James P. Gris and William G. Gris. This is to restrain the defendants from encumbering a property in Uniontown and also to prevent an agreement filed in October Term, 1907, in equity. Grimes alleges that he borrowed the defendants on a mortgage and only desires the interest. He was paying the State on account of his health and did not expect to receive interest that the defendants might be entitled to.

Issued by his executor Grimes gave them an instrument not to be recorded in full payment of the $800 with the understanding it was for that purpose except in case of his death. He recovered his health and when he turned he found the instrument had been recorded and the defendants refuse to give him both the interest and principal. He says that the instrument is to be cancelled and the defendants be directed to surrender him.

In the suit of James A. Miller who wants $1,000 from Gregg P. Miller and Ruth Miller both of Franklin township, money he will have to take from the defendants field their answer his sorting. They claim that they do not owe the plaintiff anything, but on the contrary assumed a debt for his board for which claim he be credited with them for 11 weeks at $5 a week. The total bill was $71, but he paid out $5 and they claim a note there for $70.

The Stratton Lewis Company the garnishee entered an answer to the bill of defense of the Mt. Lindy Company. The defendants filed exceptions against the garnishee. The action comes up when the Stratton Law is people decided in full.

ANDY MILLER FREED OF BURGLARY CHARGE

Bullskin Township Man Accused of Entering House of W. F. Gough Is Acquitted in Court

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 14.—Andrew Miller alleged to have been implicated in the burglaries of the W. P. Gougler out residence in Bullskin township last spring was tried before Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen on Monday afternoon and acquitted.

It was alleged that Miller, Joe Hites and Arthur Shupe robbed the home in the day time taking notes valued at $500 and getting about $1 in cash. Shupe was tried convicted and given a term in prison. Hites was never captured and Miller evaded Fayette county authorities for several months in the meantime getting into trouble in Westmoreland county and serving time. He was caught here a short time ago. Attorney T. H. Hudson defended him at Monday's trial. He denied his guilt. The jury found him not guilty.

DAMAGE AT DUNBAR

Wind Mill of D. C. Foltz Has Top Blown Off

DUNBAR, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Dunbar is also experiencing a severe wind storm. The streets are practically deserted. Little damage has been reported as the result of the wind. The top was blown off of a wind mill owned by D. C. Foltz and several telephone wires are down.

CHILD SWALLOWS SCREW DIES IN FEW MINUTES

An eight months old baby boy son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Dart of Rockwood died yesterday afternoon at the home of its parents at Rockwood. A few minutes after swallowing a screw it had picked up off the floor. The baby had been placed on the floor and got hold of a small screw which it placed in its mouth. The screw lodged in the infant's throat and before it could be extracted the little one died.

The fifth grandchild was born to Mr. Dart while he was at work but did not get home until his little son had died.

JUDGE DOTY'S COMMISSION FOR NEW TERM ON BENCH

Read at Session of Court in Greensburg Monday Over Score of Divorce Cases

GREENSBURG, Dec. 14.—The commission of Judge Lucien W. Doty was read by Prothonotary Hart N. Young at the opening of court yesterday. The commission reads as presented by Judge from the first Monday in January 1910 for a period of ten years.

The remnants of liquor licenses of the Lobaugh Distilling Company, John Cunningham, Joseph Brice, were then heard by Judges Doty and McConnell. Following that the call list for the February term was gone over.

Twenty-six divorce cases were heard along with a number of exceptions certiorari cases and other cases. Of the certiorari cases almost the most important was that of John Hodak against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Hodak was tried under the new law of 1909 for having a still in his possession which was not registered. The law provided that the home of an unnaturalized citizen must be searched by a constable and the man and still fined or imprisoned if found in his possession. This has been the subject of much discussion, the State affirming opinions being handed down concerning it. Recently Judge Young of Pittsburg declared it to be constitutional but Judge Tedford of Indiana declared it unconstitutional. Appeals were made by Attorney Edward J. Robbins in behalf of the plaintiff to have the matter of the court to render a decision.

A CITATION IS GRANTED IN LONG WILL CASE

Grandchildren Want Humbert Long to Give Bond as Executor of Samuel N. Long

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 14.—Upon petition presented to Judge T. C. Work of the Orphans' Court a citation was granted to Humbert Long of Westmoreland county to show cause why he should not give proper bond as executor of the estate of the late Samuel N. Long of Connellsville.

Petition for the citation was made by David R. Long a grandson of the late Samuel N. Long of Connellsville. He and the other grandchildren are interested in the heirs and claim that besides being a nonresident of the county Humbert Long is not a fit person with whom to intrust the estate valued at $40,000 unless bond is given twice the value of the estate is first given.

DEAL DIDN'T GO THROUGH, A SUIT FOR DAMAGES

J. S. Bryner is Plaintiff in Action Against Andy Schwartz For $197

J. S. Bryner was plaintiff in a damage suit brought before Justice of the Peace Frank Miller Monday for $197.01 for Andy Schwartz. Schwartz is accused of going to Pittsburg in an automobile on Sunday after having agreed to turn over the machine to Bryner but he failed to appear across with the purchase money after having on the place for three months. Mr. Bryner sued to recover for rent and repairs.

Attorneys H. George May and I. L. Younkin represented the plaintiff and C. V. Rhodes of Uniontown the defendant.

AMICABLY SETTLED

Bond is Withdrawn in a B. & O. Case Monday

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 14.—Attorney D. W. McDonald presented a petition Monday asking that the bond filed in the case of the Ohio & Baltimore Short Line Railroad Company against the Connellsville Gas & Coal Company might be withdrawn. The petitioner stated that an agreement had been reached between the litigants as to the damages sought by the defendant for the right of way of the plaintiff company over the defendant's land. The petition was granted.

BILLS IGNORED

By Grand Jury on Final Return on Saturday

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 14.—The final report of the Grand Jury Saturday noted the following bills ignored: Fred Leichliter, assault and battery; G. W. Cunningham, prize fighting; Steve Miller, assault; George Summers, pays costs; Steve Otas and Mary Otas, selling liquor; Peter Krewatch, pays costs; Henry Biglow, larceny.

FAYETTE COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Deeds Recorded

R. J. Hill Councilsville Coke Company to Connellsville & Monongahela Railroad Co., right of way over W. C. Woods tract in Brownsville township $1.00 December 6.

Simon A. Mitchell et ux. et al. to David O. White et al. in First Ward Uniontown $1.00 November 1, 1909.

J. W. Kiger and wife to A. B. McLain, lot in Point Marion, New Haven c. $1.

Albert Hurst and wife et al. to Daniel L. Workman et al. in Bullskin township $1.00 November 1, 1909.

Darlington King et al. to Ida A. King, tract of land in Bullskin township and Monullen township $1.00 November 1, 1909.

Charles W. Kinkaid et al. to Sarah Ann Mullen et al. in Bullskin township $1.00 November 1, 1909.

Elmer A. Mead and others to Uniontown Supply Company, lot in Uniontown $1.00 November 1, 1909.

Douglas A. Snyder et al. to Uniontown Company et al., 2 lots in Dunbar township $1.00 December 1, 1909.

Ida M. Hatfield et al. to Smith B. Hatfield et al., lot in Bullskin township $1.00 March 31, 1909.

Ida D. Sisson and wife to James R. Gray and other, lot in Point Marion township $400 December 1, 1909.

Adolph Adler et al. wife to Cora A. Miller et al., land in Jefferson township $1.00 December 1, 1909.

Jesse Friend and wife to Albert Bigham et al., land in Dunbar township $1.00 November 30, 1909.

John M. Hatfield and others to Rebecca Frick et al., land in Bullskin township $1.00 December 1, 1909.

Minnie Stillwagon et al. to Rebecca Hicks et al., lot in Nicholson township $1.00 December 1, 1909.

Peter Shoaf et al. to Mary Ann Mills et al., land in Connellsville township $1.00 December 1, 1909.

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Harry Hoffman et al. to Frank Hoffman et al., land in Dunbar township $1.00 December 1, 1909.

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William Heaton et al. to Thomas Heaton et al., land in Connellsville township $1.00 March 1, 1909.

Elizabeth Jones et al. to Mary Ann Dawson et al., land in Connellsville township $1.00 March 1, 1909.

Mary Ann Dawson et al. to Anna

POKER GAMES FIGURE IN CASES TRIED BY COURT.

One Dispute Results in Murder and Isaac Moore Is Placed on Trial for His Life.

HEART FLUSH WAS CAUSE

It Beat Trec Nines and Shooting Resulted—Man Charged With Robbery Says Three Kings Got $3 For Him Other Court News.

UNIONTOWN, Dec 9—The great American game of poker is playing a prominent part in the work of the criminal court at Uniontown this week Isaac Moore is on trial for the killing of Jasper Kinney at Riverview last month and the row resulted over a poker game. It seemed that Moore refused to let three nines take the 50 cent pot when he held a heart flush The shooting resulted in the death of Kinney, one of the players

After Dr H. J Bell the coroner and Dr Harry Brady the physician had testified to the nature of Kinney's wound, Mrs Adeline Kinney took the stand for the Commonwealth

Mrs Kinney said she went to the store on the afternoon of the shooting and returned to find Clem Baldwin at the home A poker game was started when Isaac Moore came in with a shot gun They asked Moore why he had the gun and he is alleged to have replied that some Hungarians and some negroes had been bothering him He asked to sit in the game Three hands had been played before trouble occurred Mrs Kinney said she opened the pot with three nines and stayed until there was 50 cents in the pot Then Moore called her She laid down her three nines and Moore grabbed the pot She did not see his hand Kinney pushed the pot across to her saying "Here Adonine, that money is yours like didn't play fair

She then saw there was trouble in the air and broke for the door The last she saw was Kinney and Moore struggling with the gun and later heard a discharge She returned to find Moore gone and her husband **bleeding** from a wound in the thigh He died soon after

Clem Baldwin told about the same story He said when there was trouble Moore jumped for a gun and then Kinney grabbed the barrel Kinney asked What do you want to shoot me for? and Moore told him to let go of the gun It was discharged in the melee and Kinney sank to the floor

Moore took the stand in his own defense He declared Kinney grabbed the gun first getting it by the barrel He grabbed the stock and in the struggle the gun was discharged He says he did not cock the hammer which must have struck the table in the struggle

Dr Brady said one hand was missing when he arrived He saw the heart flush on the table and under the table in a pool of blood was a hand of cards that were matted together They have never been separated The principals in the case are colored

Samuel Taylor was placed on trial for robbing Arthur Struthers of $3 Struthers said Taylor held him up but the defendant denies it He says he won the $3 on a three spot hand at poker and the first he knew of any robbery was when he was arrested Taylor was acquitted by the jury

The Grand Jury this morning returned a true bill against Louis H Miller and Aaron Rodney charged with arson They are accused of starting the fire which wiped out the business section of Masontown some months ago They are out under $3 000 bail and will be tried next week

Mike Ignat is being tried before Judge Van Swearingen on an assault and battery charge preferred by Andy Vinoski The case results from a fight at Jumonville

Jas A Miller of Franklin township has entered suit against George P Miller and Ruth B Miller to recover $276 which he claims to have loaned them at various times between September, 1904 and June, 1906

UNIONTOWN Dec 1—Andrew Bryant of Perry was convicted of assault and battery with intent to ravish the alleged victim being Fannie Nedro, 10 year old daughter of Mrs Nancy Nedro

Mrs Nancy Negro tried before Judge J Q Van Swearingen Wednesday afternoon was convicted of running a disorderly house at Perry

Andy Babish of Fayette City chased to Denver Colo and brought back to answer a charge of stabbing John Mankus pleaded guilty to assault and battery

George Clabornick of Bittner works was convicted of carrying concealed weapons

Albert Schoots and two witnesses of LaBelle were missing when the case of assault and battery in which Schoots was defendant was called Tuesday

Carmine Rezza of Revere was convicted of assault and battery after a lengthy trial Tuesday afternoon before Judge Umbel Henry Brown was convicted Tuesday of assault and battery upon Paul Andrews

In the case of Frances Galo of Masontown who is charged with having set fire to a vacant dwelling of A R Struble on September 24 the Grand Jury recommended that the mental condition of the defendant be examined Her sanity is questioned

William Tressler of Ohiopyle was sentenced to pay his wife Hilda $1 50 per week for her support after the charge of desertion and non support brought by the wife had been thoroughly thrashed out before Judge Van Swearingen Tuesday evening

D H Byers and Edna Eams colored people were sentenced to serve six months in the work house for keeping a disorderly house at Tower Hill

Pete Cucheta and Mike Prosek were convicted of robbing Eli Zucoch a fellow countryman Zucoch alleged that the men accompanied him on a stroll from Fairchance to Shoaf, but assaulted him rubbed his face in the earth and robbed him of $5 and a quart of whisky

William Stafford formerly of Coolspring charged with desertion and non support did not apear for trial and his bail was declared forfeited H L McCann was on his bond for $300 Allen Weimer defendant in a paternity charge brought by Rose Marin did not apear for trial His recognizance for $300 was forfeited

True bills returned against Frederick Amalong charged with larceny and Moses Lawson charged with breaking and entering were quashed upon motion of counsel for defense there being irregularities in both informations

The following sentences were imposed yesterday afternoon W H Moore Connellsville negro soliciting young boys to commit an unnatural crime one year in the penitentiary Mrs Nancy Nedro Percy running a disorderly house six months in the county jail Andy Bryant Italian attempted assault on Fannie Nedro little daughter of Mrs Nancy Nedro 60 days to jail and costs George Clabornick carrying concealed weapons costs $25 fine and six months to the work house Frank Turner of Baltimore having pleaded guilty to being a vagrant was sentenced to jail for costs which means 30 days

The following returns have been made by the Grand Jury

True Bills—Carmine Rezzo assault and battery William Tressler desertion and non support Jacob P Dunlap Parker George Hoke Grand Larceny N J Cribbs perjury Alexander McDade rape Harry Brown assault and battery S John Burnsky Larceny

Ignored—W Nelson Holiday Larceny W J Miller pays costs James Graves assault and battery Mary Fritts pays cost James Brown assault and battery Annie Johnson pays costs Alice Betts alias Alice Myers pointing firearm Annie Johnson pays costs

Ignored—J C Brownfield violating the Law Julian Frichot illegally obtaining board Andy Tolsky use of malicious mischief

UNIONTOWN Dec 8—That the stockholders of the TriState Telephone Company mean business was made evident when a bill of complaint was presented and temporary injunctions granted by Judge Van Swearingen at noon yesterday against the American Union Telephone Company

The bill of complaint filed by Attorneys H C Higbee and H L Robinson employed by the stockholders sets forth in 16 long paragraphs the facts regarding the transfer of the controlling stock of the Maryland Pennsylvania & West Virginia or TriState Telephone Company to the American Union Company and the latters failure to perform its part of the agreement under which the transfer was made The transfer of stock took place in July 1907 and the American Union at once assumed control

In view of the impending litigation it is necessary for the American Union Telephone Company to have local counsel and Hon L H Repert has been engaged to represent the company here

A report was current in town Tuesday that some persons who still hold Tri State stock had received offers of par value for their stock if they would sell at this time but this could not be confirmed

The report of W S McClay, A W Hart and W D McGinnis reviewers for the laying out of a public road in Dunbar township and vacating a public road in the same township was approved and confirmed by the court Tuesday The new road will begin at a point in the Mud Pike near the bridge over Slaughter House run in Dunbar township The road will be 33 feet wide

Howard Baxter of Connellsville has filed a libel in divorce against his wife Mrs Baxter charging cruel treatment and unfaithfulness

Creel Williams a well known negro of Uniontown was acquitted upon a charge of selling liquor without a license but ordered to pay the costs

Henry Savage was acquitted of illegal voting in 1907 after a spirited trial before Judge Van Swearingen Monday Savage was arrested in West Virginia by Sheriff Johns

In the divorce case of Mamie K Greenawalt against Robert Greenawalt the bill has been amended and referred to the master J S Christy

The Aaron Company of Connellsville filed two replevin suits Tuesday one against Mrs Thomas Perkins of Perryopolis for goods valued at $700 and another against Mrs Frank Housten of Dunbar for goods worth $150

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Carmine Rezza of Revere was convicted of assault and battery after a lengthy trial, Tuesday afternoon, before Judge R D Umbel He was alleged to have struck his niece Mrs Nick Rezzo, with his fist, fracturing a rib

George Hoke charged with robbery was acquitted He was prosecuted by P Steganius but the Commonwealth's star witness could not identify the defendant and in the absence of testimony the court instructed a verdict of acquittal

Viewers appointed to pass upon the petition for a new bridge over Champion run in Saltlick township, filed their report Monday favoring the structure They are C B Sipe S M Foust and Albert S Friend The proposed structure is where the road from Indian Creek to Champion crosses Champion run

Maggie Rowland charged with a misdemeanor could not be located and a verdict of not guilty was directed

Thomas Boots, a beer agent was discharged after a nol pros was filed in his case He was charged with larceny by J A Brown

A compromise was reached in the case of Harry Estep charged with false pretense by Elm H Chalfant of Brownsville It was alleged that Estep had made false representations regarding property in Pittsburg in order to secure a loan of $1 100

Viewers have reported favorably for a road in North Union township The new road begins in the road from Union town to Connellsville near Kerr street A release was secured from John Whyel and damages to the amount of $500 was assessed to Robert Hossert

Emma Highbottom, of Redstone township presented a petition to the court on Monday asking that a guardian be appointed for her sister Mary Fanning She sets forth that her sister owns considerable property and is unable to care for it

W A Edmiston committee of George Carter filed his first and final account Monday showing receipts and expenditures of $5126 06 on behalf of Carter

In the estate of William C Athey the final account of Harry R Crouse guardian was filed Monday The receipts and expenditures were $ 26 74

Wife Anna Herron on a charge of desertion and non support and also surety of the peace pleaded not contendere to the former charge and was directed to pay the costs in the surety case

The Grand Jury has returned the following true bills

Cary Swan and Maria Swan murder Alex McNutt assault and battery Charles Myers assault and battery and non support Max Metzger prosecutrix Farmer William selling liquor Max McBride prosecutrix H M Willison Gladdie Lewis W H Haworth prosecutor Oscar Lafferty Catherine Carter prosecutrix Harry Estep obtaining money by false pretenses Lewis Cook James Pollock assault and battery with attempt to rape Lizzi Hughes prosecutrix Ellis Trader and Bruce Smith vs Alex McBride Disorderly House

Carmine Rezzo assault and battery William Tressler desertion and non support Jacob P Dunlap Parker George Hoke Grand Larceny N J Cribbs perjury Alexander McDade rape Harry Brown assault and battery S John Burnsky Larceny

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UNIONTOWN Dec 10—Small cases occupied the mind of the court today and matter are dragging to some extent The Grand Jury is not turning out true bills as fast as the two courts clear up those on hand and during the morning in both rooms some time was lost waiting for cases to try It is not believed that more than two or four days will be consumed next week to clear up the trial lists

William Shipley of Connellsville stands in the shadow of a long term in the penitentiary He pleaded guilty to robbing J F Zimmerman of a watch and some money last Sunday This is his second offense and the court reminded him that if he faced the bar of justice again he would probably receive the limit sentence of the penitentiary that can be made in such cases Shipley was sent up to the workhouse for 18 months

Fred Tibbie aged 68 resident of Springhill township was acquitted on a lunacy charge because of unsound mind A B Kern S Pinkey and H Dull testified that he stole corn from their fields Tibbie declined the privilege of the corn but the jury didn't hold so Those sitting on the case however decided he was not mentally balanced

Charlie Wright a Uniontown negro pleads guilty to stealing coconut and was given the maximum sentence of six months in jail and costs The court expressed regret that a greater sentence could not be imposed but Wright's parents lost no rest while the discussion of the probabilities of a new law covering this was made by the court

Bernard Pigg was placed on trial before Judge Van Swearingen charged with assault and battery but after the jury had been empaneled the prosecutrix Mrs Mary Pigg requested that the case be withdrawn as she had settled with the defendant

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After considering two hours and 15 minutes the jury returned a verdict convicting Keenan but recommending the mercy of the court Attorney W C McKean was private counsel for the prosecution and Attorneys P P Jones represented the defendant

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The Grand Jury this morning returned a true bill against Louis H Miller and Aaron Rodney charged with arson They are accused of starting the fire which wiped out the business section of Masontown some months ago They are out under $3 000 bail and will be tried next week

Mike Ignat is being tried before Judge Van Swearingen on an assault and battery charge preferred by Andy Vinoski The case results from a fight at Jumonville

Jas A Miller of Franklin township has entered suit against George P Miller and Ruth B Miller to recover $276 which he claims to have loaned them at various times between September, 1904 and June, 1906

UNIONTOWN Dec 1—Andrew Bryant of Perry was convicted of assault and battery with intent to ravish the alleged victim being Fannie Nedro, 10 year old daughter of Mrs Nancy Nedro

Mrs Nancy Negro tried before Judge J Q Van Swearingen Wednesday afternoon was convicted of running a disorderly house at Perry

Andy Babish of Fayette City chased to Denver Colo and brought back to answer a charge of stabbing John Mankus pleaded guilty to assault and battery

George Clabornick of Bittner works was convicted of carrying concealed weapons

Albert Schoots and two witnesses of LaBelle were missing when the case of assault and battery in which Schoots was defendant was called Tuesday

Carmine Rezza of Revere was convicted of assault and battery after a lengthy trial Tuesday afternoon before Judge Umbel Henry Brown was convicted Tuesday of assault and battery upon Paul Andrews

In the case of Frances Galo of Masontown who is charged with having set fire to a vacant dwelling of A R Struble on September 24 the Grand Jury recommended that the mental condition of the defendant be exam

FIRST WEEK OF COURT AT END.

Grand Jury Winds Up Business and Jurors Are Discharged.

ONLY SMALL CASES TRIED

During the Week 105 Bills Were Passed on By the Grand Jury and 21s Witnesses Were Examined—Whisky Agent Acquitted

UNIONTOWN Dec 11—The first week of criminal court came to an end at noon today when the Grand and Petit Jurors were discharged after receiving the thanks of the court The Grand Jury report showed that 105 bills were examined 82 returned true 21 ignored two hung Nolles were made and 215 witnesses examined

Steve Kolesar agent for the White Rock distillery was acquitted of selling liquor from his wagon but was directed to pay the costs He was prosecuted by County Detective Frank McLaughlin

Carlo Mellio was found guilty of desertion and non support His wife alleged cruel treatment but Carlo declared the woman got sore because he would not divide half of his property to her They were only married last June Squire Kern of South Connellsville

The Grand Jury ignored bills against Lee Faucher charging assault and battery and placed the costs on C W Cunningham the prosecutor George Summers prosecutor will also pay the costs in the assault and battery charge laid at the door of Steve Mik

A true bill was returned against Augur Walk of Poplar Grove but Augur did not appear and his recognizance was forfeited

Mrs Dominick DiAlmo withdrew her plea of not guilty to adultery after her case had been started this morning Her husband testified that he had sent her money to come to this country but she came to Fayette county instead of New Haven Conn She was sentenced to jail for six months but when the court learned she had a small child in arms this was revoked and the costs were assessed her

Elmer Vance and Miguel Harris Coon Hollow negroes, were sent to jail three months each for running a disorderly house

In the surety of the peace against Henry Biglow Mary O'Neill the prosecutrix failed to appear She was assessed the costs after Biglow had been discharged

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BALTIMORE & OHIO LAKE COAL TO PASS OVER THE SHEEPSKIN.

New Order Will Result in Double Tracking of Road Between Connellsville and Fairmont.

ALSO THE GRAFTON DIVISION

Will Mean Many Additional Crews With Layovers in Connellsville and Possibly Enlargement of the Local Roundhouse.

FAIRMONT, Dec. 10.—Plans have been adopted, the money appropriated and engineers of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company are at work upon the details of improvements which, when completed, will change the routing of coal from the great Fairmont fields to the Lakes from the Wheeling to the Pittsburg division. To make the necessary changes in the roadbed and the junctions for the move much money will be expended and it is estimated that over two millions will be spent by the company in an area of which Fairmont and Connellsville are the centers.

According to the plans, the line between Grafton and Fairmont and Fairmont and Connellsville are to be double tracked to make them capable of handling such a large amount of traffic. From Connellsville, through Pittsburg to the Lakes the company has two and three tracked divisions and little improvements along these lines are needed. Since its construction the Sheepskin, as the Connellsville-Fairmont branch is known, has been single track and it has been only during the past few years that it has been put in condition for heavy traffic.

So far none but the engineers and bridge men of the company have been at work on the improvement. Last summer workmen began to rebuild the bridges between Fairmont and Grafton so that they will accommodate two tracks and they are still on the jobs. At present a large force is putting in a new viaduct over a run a short distance above the Johnstown bridge. Assistant Engineer Paul Didier, who has jurisdiction over the Fairmont and Pittsburg divisions, is at present going over his line, making the necessary preparations to reconstruct all of the bridges between Connellsville and Fairmont and this work will be taken up just as soon as the bridges on the Grafton end are completed.

Working secretly and without ostentation, a large engineering force under Mr. Woods has been in Fairmont for a number of weeks working out details of the change. Since the announcement that the Western Maryland was to invade Connellsville, the corps was moved to that town for a short stay, but will return to Fairmont in a few weeks.

According to the report, the plan of the company is to extend the Palatine branch through the First Ward and connect with the main line at the East End. Over this road all of the traffic from the East, bound for Pittsburg and the Lakes will be diverted. The coal from the Fairmont region bound westward is to be brought into the present yard of the company and then made up in trains and sent over the Sheepskin via the Hoult bridge.

To accommodate the extra traffic which will be sent by Fairmont, the local yards will have to be greatly increased and already plans for this work are under way. So far nothing definite has been given out as to the probable locations of the new tracks but it is said that there is ground sufficient that can be secured by the company.

The change of the routing, when put in operation, will greatly relieve the congestion on the Wheeling division which is now overcrowded with freight and passenger traffic. The lake coal shipments have, in the past, seriously congested the line which is single track and it has been a problem with the company as to how to get its "Q D." and passenger trains over on their schedule. The change will give up the line almost entirely to the through freight and passenger runs and will guarantee better service to its patrons.

FIRE AT COKE TOWN BURNS DOUBLE HOUSES

Five Blocks Are Destroyed By Flames That Got Beyond Control of Volunteers.

One of the worst fires that has visited a coke town in this region for years past raged at Strickler, a short distance north of Hecla, Thursday, five blocks of double houses being wholly destroyed. The fire originated between 10 and 11 o'clock yesterday afternoon and gained great headway. Owing to the scarcity of water and inadequate fire fighting facilities the flames were soon beyond control.

The houses sheltered 10 families, all foreign. One family succeeded in getting their household effects out of the burning block but the rest lost everything.

Owing to the bitter cold that prevailed there was intense suffering at the plant. The homeless mine workers and their families were cared for, as far as possible, by neighbors, but almost the entire town was wiped out by the fire.

BOOM AT DUNBAR.

E. S. Kerr of Press Glass Company Says Things Are Lively.

E. S. Kerr, superintendent of the Continuous Press Glass Company at Dunbar, was in town a short time this morning. The glass plant has not gone on full force yet, but men are being added to the force regularly and in a few weeks the company will be operating up to its capacity.

Both furnaces are now going full blast and the community is assuming its usual activity.

QUEMAHONING COAL HAS BEEN OPTIONED

Windber Operator Gets 2,000 Acres. Price To Be Paid Is One.

SOMERSET, Dec. 13.—A tract of about 2,000 acres of Quemahoning coal has been optioned by John Lochrie, the prominent coal operator and mine superintendent of Windber, and the owners, Daniel E. Long, W. H. Miller, Charles F. Zimmerman, William Maurer, George Steinbaugh, John Z. Zimmerman, Henry W. Shaffer, Nathaniel Zimmerman, Mrs. Sarah Zimmerman, Miller Brothers and David Miller, believe that the deal will go through without a hitch.

The history of this particular tract of coal is rather unique. Eight years ago a number of farmers near Stoystown formed an association, having a president and other officers, the object being to get a better price per acre for their veins of coal than other farmers had been receiving. They claimed that hundreds of farmers in the county had been duped into selling their valuable mineral rights for almost a song by wily coal men. These farmers agreed among themselves that one would not sell without all selling. Many efforts were made by coal men to break up this union of forces.

This tract was optioned before, but on account of restrictions and conditions no one would buy. A new company will be formed if the coal proves up to standard.

The price named in the options, which is for both minerals and surface, is withheld, but it is said to be a "top-notch" figure.

In a recent interview Mr. Lochrie expressed the opinion that the coal now being shipped from the Quemahoning basin is the finest grade that goes to sea board, and said that there is enough of it left to last for 60 years allowing shipments to average 100,000 tons per day.

COMMISSION AGENTS ARE MAKING TESTS

Interstate Commerce Inspectors Are at Work on the Sand Patch Grade Case.

Representatives of the Inter-State Commerce Commission are keeping their eyes on the railroad situation in this territory, and have been holding railroaders and railroad men to the strict letter of the law. Railroaders have started to complain about the situation and are not so very enthusiastic over the law as they were before it went into force.

This week the inspectors have been busy on the Sand Patch grade watching the air brake conditions. Trains are allowed to operate with 75 per cent. of air cars in the train. The commission, in view of the fact that a dispute is on is making experiments of its own. Whatever deductions that are being made will be used as evidence in settling how many cars can be taken safely down the Sand Patch hill.

BUY COKE PLANT.

Uniontown Men Invest $125,000 in West Virginia.

Uniontown men have purchased the plant of the Orr Coal & Coke Company at Tiorra, Preston county, W. Va., for $125,000, and will organize a new company to be known as the Newburg Coal Company, the plant being located two and a half miles from Newburg.

W. A. Stone, A. P. Austin and William Hankins are the men interested in the deal and the purchase was made from Senator W. G. Brown and Senator W. G. Conley, both of Kingwood, at receiver's sale. On account of the hard times the plant has gotten into the hands of the receiver.

The plant consists of 100 beehive ovens, tipple and crusher and Bradford breaker for removing the slate. There are about 600 acres of the upper Freeport coal as their mined by the Dunbar Furnace Company.

Long Civil Court Term.

The coming term of civil court which begins on January 10 will be one of the longest in years. A grand of six weeks will be held, with Judges Umbel and Van Swearingen on the bench.

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New Trestle, Tipple and Bins Are to be Built.

Francis Rocks has started extensive improvements to his Cyrilla works, will make this plant one of the largest and most economical in the Lower Connellsville region.

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Liquor license has been granted to George Lange at the Hotel Lange, Bellevernon.

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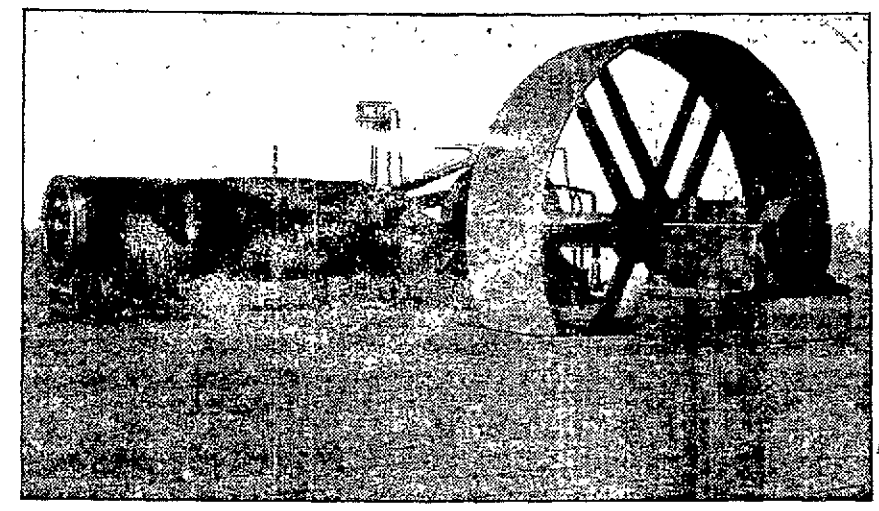

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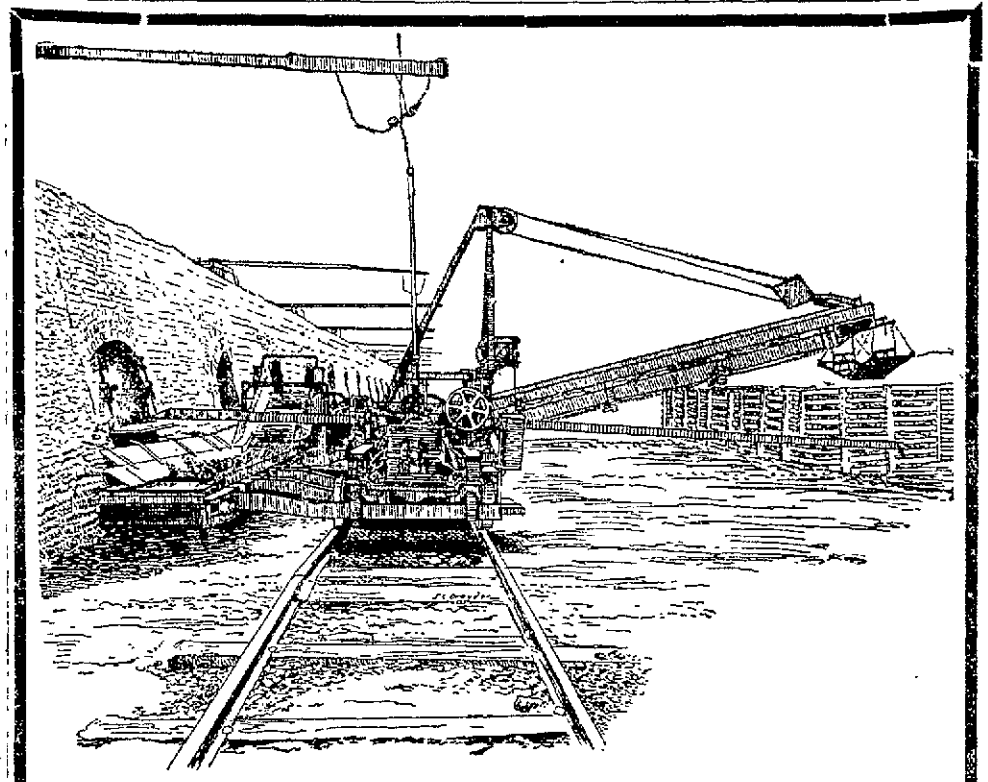

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